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No	Date	To whom Sent	Substance
2	8th Jany	Resident of Tanjore	Stating that the land in dispute between the inhabitants of Shevaloor and Poolancurichi villages is lawfully belonged to the people of the latter place according to the plan of the boundary decided in 1812 and requesting therefore that the Poolancurichi people may be left in possession of their trifling cultivation and of all rights belonging to them under the boundary plan of 1812.
	~~9th do~~	Board of Revenue	Reporting the circumstances under which the village of Velliaputty ½ originally granted by the zemindar of Taliaputti for the support of a certain charity, is now under attachment and recommending that the revenue of the village now in deposit may be appropriated towards the erection of a chuttram for the accommodation of travellers.

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24	22^d Jan^y	Coll^r of Tinnevelly		Stating that an ameen has been appointed to [illegible] all the land in dispute be[tween] Paralachy village and Ma[illegible]veloodaay and Bood[illegible]lapo Villages and requesting the ameen orders dir[ecting] ryots to obey the amee[n's] orders in their cult[ivation] of the land under seq[uestration]
13.	29th Do	Board of Revenue		Submitting for [illegible] a Statement of lan[ds] posed ~~proposed~~ to [illegible] for the Support of [illegible] chuttrams newly [illegible] at Yamacutapuram [and] Chittampatti villag[es]
7	31st Do	Do	Do	Stating that the Z[emindar] of Shevagunga declin[es to] provide for the Supp[ort of] the 3 widows of a [de]ceased Zemindar [they] having been maintaine[d] Since 1801 from the produce of the Dhurmasonum [illegible] village of Andeegoorum yielding

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			yielding annually 900 cullams of grain which they still enjoy.
	4th Feby	Board of Revenue	Reporting the death of the Zemindar of Sokkumpatti and requesting sanction to continue the 10 p.c commission to his only son and heir Kata Mookundoo Moodoo Ramaswami Naicken. [not found in the file].
[illegible]	Do	Collr of Trinevelly	Forwarding copy of an address from the manager of Ramnad and requesting to cause the produce of the disputed land to be kept in deposit until a decision be obtained from the Civil Courts by one or other of the parties.
6	9th Do	Do of Tanjore	Requesting to furnish him with the Olagosaoom prepared by Mr Harris in fusli 1210 for the village of Kooranguelam in Kilénee.. Tr for settling the bounda.. dispute between that v.. villa..

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			village and another in the Shevagunga Zemindary
29.	22nd Mar	Board of Revenue	Soliciting Sanction may be obtained for maunium land being granted for the support of 2 choultries as established at Chittumputti in Meloore and Yamacula-pooram in Dindigul.
111	Do	Insp. Gl. of Civil Estimates ~~Fort St George~~	Forwarding a list of the Public buildings erected on the different roads in his District.
112	Do	Resident of Tanjore	Requesting to induce H. E. the Rajah Tondiman to depute certain of his officers to meet him with the necessary documents at Karongalore on the 25th Proximo for settling the boundary dispute between Aramanauyet and Karungalore.
119.	28th Do	Collr of Tinnevelly	Forwarding copy of an address from the Tahsildar of Tirumangalam and suggesting proposals for the amicable settlement of

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			of the boundary dispute between the villages of Soondarapandiyem and Vellapobel.
34.	2d April	Board of Revenue	Submitting one claim to the recovery of Zeomeah no 66 and two claims to participation in it and recommending rejection of all these claims.
38.	18th Do	Do — Do	Reporting that the pro of Vellalapatti has been since 1823 invariably mis appropriated by the Gov officers and that there nev was an idea of appro-priating to the use of Gov
49.	16th May	Do — Do	Stating that the Second widow of the late Tanoum Thon claims the produce of his villages under attach ment in right of her ado son and that the eldest wido and her daughter deny th

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			adoption and claim the villages as direct heirs; proposing to retain the property under attachment and to divide the produce of the villages equally between them until their claim is decided upon by the court.
56.	4th June	Board of Revenue	Recommending the renewal of a certain Service Yomeah No 72 with arrears from the date of the death of the last incumbent Shaik Meerah.
	11th Do	Do — Do	Submitting Statements A & B showing the decennial average of the Revenue and charges of the Hindu and Mahomedan religious establishments in his District as required by the Board's letter of the 21st April, and stating his conviction that the withdrawal of Govt interference will be followed by consequences injurious to

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			to the institutions. [not found in the file].
67	1st July	Board of Revenue	Stating that Velayuda Tambiran Superintendent of certain Devastonams (Viraunmalai[illegible] in the Shevagunga Zemindary died on the 25th February last and that by the right, deposed by the Sthanigals as vested in the Superior of the Tiruvannamalai Madam, Ganapathi Tambiran has been appointed to the office, and requesting sanction to confirm his appointment subject to the Supervision of the Sivagunga Zemindar [not found in the file; draft [illegible] sent to the S.C. by Collr on the [illegible]
69	5th Do	Do —— Do	Forwarding an original Sunnud on which Abdul Rajah claims renewal of a Yeomeah in his name.
321	15th Do	Collr of Tinnevelly	Forwarding an address from the Tahsildar of Tirumangalam and stating that the Mahajanams of Soondar pauni[illegible]

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			paundy village consent to abide by the decision of a Panchayet respecting the boundary dispute between them and those of Vellapotul.
73.	19th July	Board of Revenue	Reporting ~~upon~~ on the proposed ~~irrigation~~ improvement in the irrigation of the Neelur Taluq and suggesting that the small yendals should be left to the entire control of the proprietors who would be refused the murramut aid and that the Govt. should continue in the repairs and enlargement or construction of large tanks.
85	4th Aug	Do Do	Transmitting with remarks translation of a Purwanah under which Petitioner — wife of the deceased Mahomed Ebrar Khan — claims the possession of certain gardens in his ex District rent frees and requesting orders on the subject

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87	6th Aug	Board of Revenue	Bringing to notice that in the Short Space of 11 months he has received no less than 42 recriminating complaints from the Zemindar of Ramnad and the Pundarom of Ramesw who entirely evade the orde of the Board for their mutu conduct and that the prin cipal ground of controver between them is the ceremon of address which he too much pains to adjust an Submitting for approbati copy of his decision on th Subject and recommendi that the Ramesweram Dev Stanum be again put in precisely the Same contr as during the Pundarom late confinement in ja pending a further repo at the close of the fusl Requesting them to br
91	12th Do	Do	Do

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			to the notice of Govt. the advantages that would accrue to the Town and District of Madura by the erection of a bridge over the Vaigay close to the Fort and on the great road from Madras to Palamcotah and to furnish him with military information on the propriety of further destroying the ditch and ramparts of the Fort.
92.	11th Aug.	Board of Revenue	Submitting his opinion on the Subject of municipal improvements in his District
94.	17th Do	Do Do	Reporting upon a Petition from Ganapathi Tambiran claiming the right of sole Superintendence of the Pirannmalai Devastonams and recommending that the Tambiran be placed under the Superintendence of the Zemindar of Shevagunga as the Devastonam of Rameswaram is under the Zemindar of Ramnad. Sent to Se Dy Collr on the 1st June 1863

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35	17th Aug	Collr of Coimbatore	Forwarding for information an address from the Tahsildar of Iyempully stating that the inhabitants of Keeranoor decline to allow the surplus water being taken by the Congoor people.
98.	20th Do	Board of Revenue	Reporting in detail on the importance of the Scheme suggested by Captain A. Cotton for the extension of Railways and Canals and recommending its immediate introduction into the Dt of Madura.
101.	29th Do	Do — Do	Reporting on the state of the 52 villages in his Dt in which the necessity for the reduction of the assessment granted by Mr Peter has been called into question and proposing modified rates of reduction
102	30th Do	Do — Do	Recommending that Anraiji Rowe Tahsildar of Thenkarai may be permitted to erect a chuttrom at Devadhanapatti on the high road from Madura

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			Madura and from Dindigul to Thenkarai at a cost of Rs 60/00.
112	17th Sepr	Board of Revenue	Stating that the original incumbent in No 67 was Rymanu Shaw and that the Yomeah was received in the name of his Son Ramjan Shaw in August 1815.
117	21st Do.	Do Do	Submitting further information on the Subject of Petition No 1094 of 1836 from the Curnoms of a certain Pagoda complaining the resumption of their lands &c
459	Do	Ag Judge and Criminal Judge, Madura	Informing that the Manager of Ramnad receives and is entitled to every honour enacted by a Zemindar himself when on the Musnud.
127	5th Octr	Board of Revenue	Submitting revised Statements for 10 Years of the Receipts and disbursements on account of Hindu and Mahomedan religious establishments

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			establishments with explanations. [not found in the file].
509.	11th Octr	Collr of Tinnevelly	Forwarding for his information copy of an address from the Tahsildar of Tirumangalam regarding the boundary dispute of some waste lands between Sundarapandium and Vellapotel villages.
137	14th Do	Board of Revenue	Reporting what temples in his District claim the right to fish for pearls in the Gulf of Mannar, the grounds of their right and the best means of effecting a satisfactory adjustment of their claim.
138.	17th Do	Do — Do	Submitting with reference to Mr Blackburne's letter reporting upon the right of

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			of certain temples in the Ramnad Zemindary in the Pearl Fishery; copy and translation of the address received from the Guardian and manager of the Ramnad Zemindary.
141	26th Octr	Board of Revenue	Reporting the death of the Zemindar of Nelacotah and requesting sanction to continue the 10 per cent commission to his brother Tiruvengada Goolapa Naicken as the deceased has left no issue.
26.	13th Novr	Secretary to Govt. Political Deptt. Fort St George	Reporting on Political Petition No 473 of 1836 and recommending that Petitioner Venkataswami Naick, a dependant on the Principal Candian pensioner Soobhaswami Rajah

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			Rajah shall be continued with a share of Rs 5 a month.
158	30th Novr	Board of Revenue	Explaining the grounds of decision, complained of in Petition No 1024 of 1835 regarding the Succession to the Edovar mirassy of Meenatchi Amman Pagoda in Madura. [not found in the file; draft sent to the Collr with the Record Keeper's arji dated 2-9-84]
567	6th Decr	Collr of Tinnevelly	Requesting to take the necessary steps to put an end to the encroachment made by the Zemindar of Maniachee on certain Punjah lands of Poovaune a village of the Rameswer Devastanam.
628.	28th Do	Do Do.	Forwarding Pymash chittah account of Sum Paundiyom Village to enab him

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			him to discover the Spots in dispute from the account.

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No. 52 Exchange for Madras Rupees 2000 " "

To The Accountant General

Sir, Fort St George.-

Having received from John Blackburne Esqr., the sum of Madras Rupees Two Thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from.-

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne

2d January 1836.} Principal Collector

Indent of Salt Rowanahs required by the Principal Collector in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul for the year 1836.-

8000 Salt Rowanahs. No Value.-

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne

2d January 1836.-} Principal Collr.

To The Accountant General

Sir, Fort St George.-

I have the honor to transmit a letter of advice to be substituted in lieu of the one forwarded to you on the 31st Ultimo, No. 51, for Rupees 400; as a Mistake has occurred, by over sight, in not having includ[ed] the Amount of Rupees 800, paid by Mr. Hooper, Zillah Judge of Madu[ra] and beg to request you will alter the subsequent Bill No. 52 to 53 & retu[rn] to me the letter of advice of 31st Ultimo.-

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne

3d January 1836.} Principal Collector.

To, The Accountant General.

Sir, Fort St George

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.-

Madura (Signed) J. Blackburne.

4th January 1836.-} Principal Collr.

To The Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred Petitions have been disposed of by me in last Month, None remaining to be disposed of.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura
5th January 1836

To The Accountant General

Fort St George.-

Sir,

In obedience to your Instructions, credit has been given in my accounts for Mr Williamson's Salary for September and October, tho' it has already been paid on the Judge's Indent which I have no authority to refuse.-

It has also been paid to the Judge for November & December, and I anticipate much inconvenience in my accounts from the double entry - It may be when you have leisure to examine them, you will send them back to me and all will have to be made out a new.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura
Nevenpay
6th January 1836.-

To The British Resident

Tanjore

Sir,

1.- As promised in your letter of the 19th Ultimo, I was met by Letchmen Naick on the part of His Excellency the Rajah Ragoonatha Tondiman Bahadar, on the 7th Insto, to consider the boundary in dispute between the villages of Shevaloor in Poodoocottah, and Doolangcoorchy in Shevagunga. We immediately proceeded to the spot, with the plan of boundary decided in the neighbouring limits in 1812.-

2.- The Complaint of the Doolangcoorchy people was, that having cultivated on the hill, and within their own boundary, the Shevaloor people offered obstruction, and snatched away their cumblies

This trifling Complaint produced an assertion of breach of boundary on
both parts.-

3.- The boundary line described on the plan in question, and
regarding which there was no dispute in 1812, seems to run from West to eas
in a slight Southerly direction to the South of the rocky hills of Maura
Mallay and Dishee Mallay; and then to bisect the rocks of Doollaven Ma
-lay, Ellyande Darray, and Danjaun Mallay &ca; the north Appertaining
to Doodoocottah, the South to Shevagunga.-

4.- Regarding the site of the Doolaven Mallay and the
Elyandy Darray, as also regarding the particular line in which the bounda
crosses the Danjaun Mallay, & other rocky hills east, the two parties a
at variance; but to the best of my judgement, according to the plan, the peop
of Shevagungah have pointed out the fair line. And on this basis the Cul
-vation of 2¼ Koorkums, that has given rise to the present trouble, lies in th
Southern portion of the Doolaven Mallay, and south by east of the Elyan
Darray, and as such I look upon it as the lawful right of the Doolancoo
-chee people.-

5.- Letchmen Naick has acted under the Tondiman's order
the part of an advocate rather than a Judge or Umpire. He has stated
that three years ago, a Shevagunga bullock having died, a little to th
west of the spot in dispute, the Shevagunga thoti carried away the S
illegally, but on the Shevaloor Thoti claiming his right, he admitted
by giving him 3½ fanams, & retaining ½ himself.- but he admits th
transaction was never reported to His Excellency's Darbor, or to his Tal
authorities. Cannot then, be of any advantage to ask even if the Shev
-gungah people admit the fact? - especially as this was not urged in the s
when all parties were present, but on the subsequent day. He urges that Hi
Excellency's dufter has a Daymash account of the cultivation to the west,
those rocks, but as the plan shews, and no one disputes, that the village
His Excellency extends on the west side below the Southern line of the
this evidence also must be rejected as nugatory. His third & fourth objectio

are that the Inhabitants of Shevaloor have a copper deeds of ancient date proving their right to the spot in despute; & that they were not parties to the decision in 1812, &, consequently, not bound by it. The 4th Objection I hold to be invalidated by the circumstances of the notoriety of the decision in 1812, & subsequent acquiescence in it; and if this be admitted the 3d objection is entirely overthrown, because no private right is hurt by that decision; for whoever can prove himself a proprietor will still enjoy, changing only as the case may be, his master or superior lord. The last objection urged was one that had equally little weight with me, but the precise nature of it has passed my memory.

6. In explaining my view of the bearings of the different places in the plan, Letchmen Naick was too polite to gainsay them, and equally too chary of what might be his Master's Interests to acknowledge their correctness. It rests with his Master to ascertain his real opinion of the merits of the case.

7. The whole case appears of too trifling a nature, and too trifling is any quarrel that can arise from it, to require any formal decision; and I therefore beg to request that the Doolarcoorchee people be left in possession of their trifling cultivation, and all rights belonging to them under the boundary plan of 1812; & that His Excellency be requested to issue the most peremptory orders to his subjects to abide by that decision, and instead of promoting animosity by a new enquiry in to strict rights to cultivate, encourage a good understanding with their neighbours as has continued now for 23 years; and I beg leave to assure you the same shall be strongly impressed upon the Inhabitants of Shevagunga. The dispute seems to have arisen from the private animosities of Ryots of the nearest degree of relationship.

8. The map of Doodoocottah you were so good as to procure me the loan of as well as of the disputed boundary plan of Koollicelly talook, have been given to Letchmen Naick; the former for His Excellency, the latter to be returned to your Office.

Madura
Nayeoopia
5th January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

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To, The Principal Collector of Canara.

Sir,

In reference to mine of the 5th November last, I have the honor to Annex Copy of another letter received from the Accountant General under date 31st Ultimo, and to request you will be so good as to inform me if you have given me Credit for the Sum therein Stated to enable me to Communicate the same to that Officer.—

Madura
Kottampatty
9th January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The Judge in the Zillah of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of Tamil Memo received from Mr. Goodwyn, for your information.—

Madura
Kottampatty
9th January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The Collector of Rajamundry.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 4 Bills of J. W. Goodwyn Esqre., Register to the Zillah Court of your District, for the Amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his Salary and House Rent for November & December 1835, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and Credit on his Account to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."—

Salary for Novr. & December 1835.	1050 " "
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6¼ per cent for Novr. and December 1835.	65-10 "
	984-6 "
House for do. Rupees—	70 " "
	1054-6 "

Madura
Melur
10th January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward, for the use of the Sub Collectors Office, a Printed Copy of Extract Minutes Consultation under date 17th November 1835.—

Madura
11th January 1836.

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to Acknowledge receipt of Principal Collectors Memorandum of this date with Printed Copy (Extract Minutes Consultation under date 17th November 1835) for the use of the Sub Collector.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll. for
Sub Collector.

Madura
11th January 1836

To,
The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copies of the documents enumerated in the Tamil list which accompanied your letter of the 15th Ultimo, on the 3 Stampt papers furnished by you, I regret the delay.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
11th January 1836.

To,
The Judge of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter, and Memo. annexed, from the Deputy Accountant General, for Salary drawn by Mr. R. H. Williamson, Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, in the General Treasury at Madras, and as this Amount was drawn and charged in your Indents for September and October last, I request you will be good enough to remit back to my Treasury the amount of Rs 1054 - 6 - 0.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.

Madura
11th January 1836.

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.

Madura
11th January 1836.

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To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Acct. Generals Office
Sir Fort St George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 25th of your letter of the 21st Ultimo, forwarding the Adjustment and closing entries of my Books for last year, as well as the Opening entries for the present, and to state that the former has been affixed to my Books of the past Official year, & the latter prefixed to my Journal for May last, Copies of which, with my signature, together with an Alphabetical Index of the Heads of my Accounts, opened in my Ledger for the Current year, are herewith forwarded. The Ledger for the past Official year is under preparation, and will be sent as soon as finished.—

Madura
11th January 1836
Signed/ J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The President and Members, of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St George

I have the honor to forward my Acting Head Assts. reports on the cultivation of Cotton Tobacco &ca. in the Seminary of Ramnad, and trust the industry and ability with which it has been drawn up will ensure your approbation.—

As I perceive all the reports on this subject are to be submitted by your Secretary to Dr. Wight, I do not propose forwarding to you any of the Specimens of soils I may receive from my Acting Head Assistant unless I receive your instructions to do so

Madura
14th January 1836
Signed/ J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Inspector General
Sir, Fort St George

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 4th Instant, of your letter of the 28th Ultimo, and to State that no Old Iron, in the Shape of Damaged Gun Shot, is to be found

in the dismantled Forts of this District.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
15th January 1836.

To The Officer Commanding – Southern Division
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to return, with my Signature affixed, the Duplicate Lists transmitted with your letter of the 13th Instt.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
15th January 1836.

To The Post Master General
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a Statement of the Number, and Amount of the Postage realized on News Papers received from Bengal & Bombay, in this District, as per form Accompanying your letter of the 9th received on the 13th October last; and am very sorry you should have been obliged to call for it a second time;— The gross neglect of the Post Office Writers in this instance had entirely escaped my observation.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
15th January 1836.

Received back from the Zillah Judge of Madura the Sum of Madras Rupees (1054–6 a) One thousand Fifty Four and Annas Six being the Amount of Salary and House Rent of Mr R. A. Williamson, Register, drawn on his Indents, from this Treasury, on the 6th October & 5th November 1835.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
16th January 1836.

To, The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

1.— The enquiry & Statements regarding the Moturpha in Shevagunga directed in your letter of the 11th received late

last

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last night, shall be made without delay; but meantime I beg to inform you your wishes in the Zemindars favor will be effectually Counteracted unless I receive your orders to communicate your Instructions to him, instead of possitivly forbearing to press the payment of the 49000 Rupees, or unless he is already apprized of your order; for seeing the neglect and incapability of his management of his own Zemindarry, after in vain urging him to activity, and pointing out his errors, I gave him latterly distinctly to understand that if there was the Slightest balance, I would use my authority to sequestrate such portion of his Land as seemed proper. I believe he does not doubt I will keep my word against him, and I have little hesitation in stating my opinion that by loans or otherwise his Obligations would have been punctually fulfilled:- in fact he has already paid a sum of Rs. 7000 on this Account.-

2. Your forbearance towards this Zemindar will give the Ramnad Manager a very fair claim to make a Similar demand from you; and tho' I fully agree that pressing him will necessitate his disposing of his grain at a low price yet I am far from recommending the Indulgance towards him for I fear from his Conduct that any sums allowed to lay over by Government will be dissipated by him in an useless manner.-

3. After a succession of bad years, experiance has shewn a succession of good years may be hoped for, & on the ground of giving time for a rise of price I think the Indulgences should not be granted:- and if you compare the Assessment of Ramnad with his Zemindary, and their respective resourses I think it should not be granted.-

4. If he has claims to recovery on account of Moturpah, I submit that an early consideration of the subject is all that should now be done for him; and I beg to assure you no effort shall

shall be wanting on my part to its merits being speedily laid be-
:fore you.-

Madura
16th January 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose first of a Set of Bills, received from the Acting 2d Judge on Circuit, for Rs 938 Nine hundred and thirty Eight, the receipt of which I request you will be pleased to Acknowledge, in Duplicate, as directed by the Accountant General.-

Madura
19th January 1836. }

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The Paymaster - Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge receipt of your letter bearing date 16th Instant, enclosing a Draft, in Duplicate, for Madras Rupees 33-10-, on Account of Pay to the Native Pensioners attached to the Public Bungalows, for the Month of December 1835.-

Madura
19th January 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that no Revenue Defaulters were Confined nor released during the last Quarter.-

Madura
19th January 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the Register of Vouchers of my
Accounts

accounts, I have the honor to forward Duplicate Account Current of the
D Military Paymaster S. Dn. Trichinopoly, No. 42, and receipts No. 83
& 85 for December last.-

Madura
19th January 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To, The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that no Salt or Goods
D were seized nor Confiscated in the Month of December 1835.-

Madura
19th January 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The Assistant Commissary General
Trichinopoly

Sir,

1.- In answer to your letter of the 14th Inst. I have the
D honor to state that from the favorable season experienced in this district
the returns both of wet and dry land crops will be considerable.-

2.- Paddy at Madura averages at present.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1st Sort per Garce	91	0	0
2d	74	14	6
3d	62	0	10

and I anticipate a further fall from March to November.-

3. The Cootty and Chinna cultivation is much more
favorable than in last year. the former sells at 126 Rs. per garce,
and the produce will amount to about 100 garces, in the talooks of
Melur and Maroongapoory.-

4. The Chinna sells at 300 Rs. per garce, and about 20
garces may be procurable in the talooks of Iyempully, Nellacottah
and Thirumungalom.-

Madura
19th January 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort S.t George

Gentlemen,

1.- I have the honor to submit the subjoined case for your consideration, and if it meets your approbation I trust you will favor me with your sanction for the appropriation of the amount to the erection and support of the choultry as recommended below.

2. - Vellathumby Cawmea Naick, Zemindar of Valeaputty & Dwesagamoney Iyengar state that an ancestor of the former founded a charity & endowed it with the village of Vellaputty; that this village was sequestrated in fusly 1226 (A. D 1816/17) at the same time that the whole Zemindary was assumed and incorporated with the rest of the unalienated lands in this district. Subsequently, one Donyengar claimed the village, by virtue of a deed of gift, which was approved of by Mr. Collector Peter, and the land & produce given up to him under an order of the 21st October 1823. The succeeding Coll.r disagreeing in Mr. Peter's decision again sequestrated the village on the 23d November 1828, and the Government share has been accumulating in the treasury for the last seven years. Vellathumby Cawmea Naick prays that the intention of his ancestor may be fulfilled by the erection of a Chuttrum on the north bank of the Veghey, in the limits of Sumea Nelloor near his same Zemindary, and where he has sunk a well & planted a Garden in Charity, through the means of the Government servants; and Dwasegamoney Iyengar denies the authenticity of any Deed of Gift.

3.- The prayer of this petition is opposed by Allaghery Iyengar, brother & heir, of the deceased Donnyengar, who produces a deed of gift for the village of Vellaputty, which he asserts was given to his father by the late Zemindar, in the year Anandeah, 41 years ago.

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4.- The Enam Register, submitted to your Board, on the 3d January 1815, shews the village to have been granted for the support of a charity choultry in the same village, and there is no remark attached to give reason to believe in the existence of any deed of gift.- On questioning Allagherry Iyengar why the pretended deed was not registered, in obedience to the Proclamation of the 27th January 1814, inviting all Enamdars to secure their rights by producing their titles for Registry, he answers that sickness prevented personal attendance, and the presentation through a Vakeel was not resorted to.-

The improbability of the resumption of a gift to the public, for the gratification of an Individual, added to the suspicious neglect to register his claim, by the father of Allagherry Iyengar, and the assertion of the two petitioners that no such individual deed of gift has taken place, reconciles me, without difficulty, to reject the claim of Allagherry Iyengar, on the point of law laid down in Section 18 Regulation XXXI of 180- without any further enquiry into its merits.-

5.- As far then as Allagherry Iyengar is concerned the question may be considered disposed of; and it only remains to consider if the long interruption in the appropriation of the proceeds of this village to the purposes originally intended, is sufficient cause for its annexment to the rest of the land revenue of the district, and as the interruption has been occasioned, or permitted, by the oversight of the Government servants, in whose care it was, I am of opinion there is not sufficient grounds for its forfeiture.- And in Conformity with the generally inculcated wish of the Govt for the improvement of the Country, and in pursuance of the adv

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and judicious measures of the late Principal Collector, in providing accomodation and facilities for the merchant & traveller, I beg leave strongly to recommend compliance with the petition.- The site selected, for the proposed new Chattrum, is on the high road from Dindegul to Madura - on the Dindegul side of the Vighey and distant about 7 miles from the Fort of Madura, The river is annually impassable for days together, and on that bank there is no village or halting place within four miles. The average Collections of the village are Rupees 140.-

6.- The Entry in the Enam Register of Fusly 1223 (A.D 1814) has the name of Davasegamoney Iyengar, a Superintendent of the charity, and as he admits Allaghery Iyengar to be his coheir, any rights he may be thereby entitled to, will be preserved to him if the new building be permitted.-

Madura
Kottampatty
19th January 1836.

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To, The Secretary to the Board for the College & for Public Instruction.-

Sir,

You will have in your recollection the removal of Sied Ahmed, Mahomedan teacher of this Collectorate, to Chingleput in September last on account of this climate disagreeing with him.-

I beg leave to recommend he may be replaced by Noorrolah Sheriff, a native of this place, well versed in the Persian, Tamil and Marattah Languages; and who I am given to understand is likely to prove an able and acceptable teacher.-

Madura
20th January 1836

(Signed) I. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To, The Judge of Madura.-

Sir,

I request you will be so good as to Order

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usual Vacation of the Court house in the Mooddeswaram Pagoda from the 27th Instant during the celebration of the Mundagapady, in the approaching festival of the Meenatchee Soondraswara Swamy Davustanum at Madura.-

Madura
21st January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The President and Members of the Board of Rev.
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

1.- I have the honor to report my Communication to the Zemindar of Shevaganga, of your Boards wishes as Conveyed in your letter of the 7 received 14 Ultimo, directing me to use further exertions to induce him to provide an adequate support for the three widows of a former attainted Zemindar.-

Petition No 57 of 1835 Returned

2. The Zemindar states, and with truth that the widows have been maintained, since 1801, from the produce of the Dhermasanum village of Andeegoonum, yielding annually 900 Cullums of grain, value 900 Rs & that they still enjoy it; and he declines in peremptory, but respectful, terms to do anything for them either on the score of charity or as being called upon to do so by law or propriety.-

3.- My own opinion is that it would be unjust to impose this new tax upon him.-

Madura
31st January 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The Secretary to the Military Board-

Sir,

As requested in your letter, of the 22 Ultimo, I have the honor to forward the Returns and Journals of Military Stores &ca in this District for the Quarters Ending 31

January to 31st October 1835.–

Madura
21st January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To, The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter of the 7th August last, regarding the robbery of the Cash Chest at the Moreoolum Salt pan, I have the honor to inform you that 2 of the accused were apprehended, & Committed to the Criminal Court for Examination, in the same Month, and were released upon Security. As no other means suggests itself of recovering the Amount Stolen viz. Rupees 1238-1-7 and 30 Salt Rowanahs; I request your Board will be pleased to obtain the Sanction of Govt. for writing off the Amount from the Accounts of this Office.–

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Madura
22d Jany. 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To. The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

Agreeably to the instructions of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th Instant, I have this day appointed Sundya-pillay, Ameen, to assume all the land in dispute between Parutachy, Village of Ramnad Zemindary, & Muvellyoday Boodelapooram, in Yettiapooram Zemy.; & request you will be good enough to issue a Proclamation, through the Tasildar, directing the Ryots who Cultivate the land in dispute to pay the remaining portion of the kists of this fusly to the Ameen, and to obey his orders in all matters regarding the Cultivation of the land under sequestration

[Margin: [illegible] Huzoor [illegible] on [illegible] Novr. 1837 [illegible] request [illegible] [illegible] A. H. Asst. Colr.]

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Madura
22d January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

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To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to Annex a Memo shewing the quantity of salt deficient in the Sale of Salt heaps of this Collectorate from August to December last, Amounting to

D. Garce 4 and Mercals 158, and request the Board will be pleased to obtain the Sanction of Government for writing off the same.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura
22d January 1836.

Memorandum Shewing the quantity of Salt deficient in the following Heaps in Plat forms from 1st August to 31st Decr 1835

Moodooragoonadapatam

	G.	Md.	Ms.
Quantity of Salt deficient in heap No. 15 of the year 1835	"	240	"

Vyravanadapatam

				G.	Md.	Ms.		
Quantity of Salt deficient in the Heap	No. 6 of the year 1834			"	150	"		
Do.	Do.	No. 7 of Do.		"	90	"		
Do.	Do.	No. 8 of Do.		"	85	"		
Do.	Do.	No. 9 of Do.		"	240	"		
Do.	Do.	No. 10 of Do.		"	173	"		
Do.	Do.	No. 11 of Do.		"	250	"		
Do.	Do.	No. 12 of Do.		"	300	"	3.	68

Naurumbel Plat Form
in Vattum Salt Pan

Quantity of Salt deficient in Heap No. of the year 1834	"	250
Total	4	158

Madura
22d January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collr.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Curnum of Melachary Village in Mannaud

Talook

Talook of the Shivagunga Zemindary, allotted for the performance of Certain Ceremonies in the Davestanom of Meenaxelagam in Sheeckpattoor, and request you will have the goodness to Enquire and inform me if the Charity Continues to be regularly performed in the Pagoda and to forward me the regulated Susdeek for inspection.—

Madura
22d January 1836

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Military Paymaster
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter of this days date from Captain Campbell, Commanding Detachment 33d N. I., on the point of marching for Palamcottah, and beg to inform you I thought it my duty to comply with his request, and request you will accordingly give me Credit for the amount. His receipt is enclosed.

Madura
23d January 1836

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The Superintendent of Govt. Lottery

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to forward me a further Supply of 50 Tickets, the 40 already sent having disposed of.

Madura
23d Jany. 1836

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Genl's Office

Sir,

As promised in my letter of the 11th Inst. I have the honor to forward the Ledger of the Districts of

Madura

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Madura and Dindigul for the past Official year 1834/35.-

Madura
23^d January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that as no fines and Stoppages have been made from the pay of Public Servants & as none have been suspended or dismissed for the quarter ending to 31st December 1835 the prescribed returns have not been prepared.-

Madura
23^d January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Memorandum.-

Being of opinion that your attention will be more entirely given to the tappal department if the whole management, instead of the details, be entrusted to you, I have directed that all letters from the post master General be carried at once to you, and all communications from the Post Office Writers will be sent to your address.-

With respect to the periodical returns & accounts for the Post Mr. General you will be good enough to affix your initials in one of the corners in proof of your examination of their correctness. And all answers you will be good enough to draft yourself, when they will be forwarded to me for signature, & to be then copied & transmitted. - You will be good enough to keep in your recollection the punctuality with which two at least of these accounts are required by the Post Master General.-

Where you wish to change existing rules you will first be good enough to ascertain the circumstances

under

under which they first obtained, & submit your objections & proposed improvements in detail, before carrying them into effect.

Unless emergently called for, no fines should be levied or dismissions removals or changes be introduced without my previous sanction.

I shall be happy on all occasions to aid you with my person & when at the same place our communications should be verbal - when apart they should be carried on by inofficial letters or notes.

All letters must be sent to the record office as soon as perused. & of course you will call my attention to any that may seem to require it.

Madura
23d January 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

James Silver Esq.re
Assistant Coll.r
Madura.

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.

Madura
25 January
1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll.r

To The Principal Collector
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo: of the 23d Instant, to the instructions contained in which I shall carefully attend

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Madura 25th January 1836 } (Signed) James Silver

Assistant Collr.

To, The President and Members of the Board of Revd. Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter of the 27th October last, I have the honor to forward a Statement of waste lands recommended to be granted in lieu of other formerly granted to Enamdars for the reasons therein stated and request it may receive your sanction.-

Madura 27th January 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collr.

(Triplicate)

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar & 6 privates, marched from Ramnad for Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Jany. 1836, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day.-

Madura 28th January 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collr.

To, The President and Members of the Board of Revd. Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Having received no refusal to my request of the 14 November 1835, for copies of certain documents I presume it has escaped your memory, and therefore take the liberty to recall your attention to it.-

Madura 28th January 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collr.

To, The Post Master General Madras

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th Instant, I have to inform you with much regret, that, I have not been able

to obtain any clue to the Trivandrum packet of the 12 ul-
-timo missing on the 15th.-

The Tappal writer of Cottampully with his witnesses persist in affirming 26 packets were despatched thence in a sealed wallet, & the tappal writer of Madura with his witnesses as boldly aver that the wallet was received with unbroken seal, & contained only 23 packets.- I can think of no method of eliciting the truth & have therefore felt myself compelled to dismiss five of the sus-
-pected runners.-

Madura
29th January 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit a State-
-ment for the grant of Nunja & Punja Waste Lands for support of the Charges of Chuttrums newly built by Ra-
-macone, in Yamacalapooram Village of Tundoocomboo Talook, & Annajeetow in Chittampully of the Mellor Talook according to the Rules dated 20th August 1829 & request the sanction of Government may be obtained.-

Madura
29th January 1836.

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To, The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward the accompany

two plans, omitted, from Oversight, to be sent with my letter of Yesterday's date.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
30th January 1836.

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copy of the document required by the Tamil Memo which accompanied your letter of the 20th Instant, on the Stampt paper furnished by you.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
30th January 1836.

No. 54 Exchange for Madras Rupees 1500 " "

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqr., Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Madras Rupees One thousand & Five hundred, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs Binny & Co., but not to their Order, as per advice from—

(Signed) J. Blackbu
Prin.l Collec

Madura
1st February 1836

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been

been perceived during the last Week.—

Madura
1st February 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 28th Ulto received last night, I have the honor to inform you that the Allowances of Mr. R. H. Williamson, Regr. to the Zillah Court of Madura, for the Months of September and October last, were debited in my Accounts, included in the Judge's Incidents for September in October, and for October in November; On the receipt of the Bills transmitted with your letter dated 31st Decr. the Amount was recovered from the Judge & Credited in the Accounts of last Month.—

Madura
1st February 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information the Annexed Extract of a letter from the Accountant General, under date the 28th Ultimo, regarding the allowances of Mr. R. H. Williamson, copy of my letter of the 6th Ultimo, which called forth that answer, and of my reply of this date.—

Madura
1st February 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

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Extract of a letter from the Deputy Accountant Genl dated 28th January 1836..

2. If the allowances in question have already been paid on the Judge's Indent, as stated by you they should be recovered from the Judge, and Credited to the head under which they have been Charged; you will however, be pleased to Communicate on the Subject with the Civil Auditor, under whose Authority the Bills which were forwarded to you, in my letter to your address of 31st Ulto, were discharged by the Sub Treasurer.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Princl. Collr

To
The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of One of the documents required by the Tamil Memo which accompanied your letter of the 30th Ultimo, on One of the Stampt papers furnished by you - the other document is not forthcoming, as is Explained in the Enclosed Tamil Memorandum, and the paper is returned.-

Madura
3rd February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Principal Collr

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report the death of the Zemindar of Sookumpully, in the Dindigal Dist. on the 6th Decr last, and request your Sanction to Continue the 10 Pr. Cent Commission to his only Son, & heir, Balamookoondoo Moodoo Ramasawmy Naicker-

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Principal Collr.

Madura
4th February

To

The Superintendent of Police

Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying Original letter, addressed to me by Sashaghery and 5 other persons, residents of Madras, and no doubt exists, from their neglecting to follow my instructions to identify themselves before the Secretary to the Board of revenue, I request you will be good enough to ascertain from them whether it was written by them or not.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
4th February
1836

To

The Acting Civil Engineer

Sir,

6 Division

I beg to return your Abstract for Decr. 1835, forwarded in your letter of the 20th Ultimo, for Correction, in which 21 Rupees appear to have been Omitted in the addition.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
4th February
1836

To

The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Manager of Ramnad, and request you will be good Enough to Cause the produce of the disputed land, therein alluded to, to be kept in deposit until a suit be filed and a decision obtained from the Civil Courts by one of the parties. If I can find time, when passing that neighbourhood, in a few days, I purpose, as Magistrate, to put one party in possession, till the other can obtain a decree unless

they

they will submit to arbitration, and trust, if you have objec-
tion to such proceeding on my part, you will inform me
early.-

/Signed/ J. Blackburn
Principal Coll^r.

Madura
4 February
1836

To, The Accountant General.

Sir, Fort St George

I have the honor to enclose Copies of
Applications from the Paymaster, Southern Division,
at Trichinopoly for an immediate Supply of Rs 1962
D 12-10 to complete the payment of the Troops station-
at Madura, for which I herewith transmit his Cna-
-gent receipts.-

/Signed/ J. Blackburn
Princ^l Coll^r.

Madura
4 February
1836

To, The Collector

Sir, of Tinnivelly.

I regret much that the small stock
of Stamp Papers on hand will not allow me to send
D you more than half the number required by your letter of
the 2^d Instant, received this day.-

/Signed/ J. Blackburn
Princ^l Coll^r.

Madura
5 February
1836

To, The Secretary to Government

Sir, Fort St George

I have the honor to report that no refer-
D -red Petitions have been disposed of by me in last Month,
None remaining to be disposed of.-

/Signed/ J. Blackburn
Princ^l Collector

Madura
5 February 1836

To,

The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st decr last, I have the honor to forward Copy of one from the Principal Collector of Canara.-

Madura
5th February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To

The Acting Civil Engineer
4 Division

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 30 Ulto (received 2d Instt) I have the honor to inform you that there are no particular Works at present requiring your inspection, on your route to Tinnevelly, and I beg to call your attention to the Enclosed 5 diaries of Asst Surveyor Hogg, Containing observations on the repairs, and would be obliged by your giving me your Opinion on the Works from Coilpetty on to Madura - I beg to inform you that instructions have been sent to the Tahsildars to obey any Orders you may give them on the Subject of Works within their respective Talooks.-

The Superintendent Maistry being indisposed, I regret he will be unable to attend upon you immediately, but will do so as soon as recovered.-

I have directed the Talook Maistry with 2 Deloyets to meet you at Coilpetty, on the 1st proximo: and request Mr Hogg's Diaries may be returned on your

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your arrival at Madura.-

Signed/ J Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

Madura
5th Feby 1836

To The Inspector General
of Civil Estimates

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Ultimo received yesterday forwarding Extract of a letter from the Civil Engineer, and from the diary of Assistant Surveyor Fogg, relative to the repairs made to the Public Bungalow in the Fort of Madura, and to state that as soon as the diary of Ass^t. Surveyor Fogg was received, Examination was made and the Cusbah Tahsildar reported, in his address of the 10th July 1835, that M^r. Fogg inspected the Works in the absence of the Talook Maistry and Gomastah - that as the Work was Carried on in the Fort, it was superintended under his immediate inspection, and that the Accounts furnished by him were quite Correct.-

The Tahsildar further reported that in Consequence of the Superintendent and Talook Maistry being then Engaged at the Chettanah Works the repair of the Bungalow was Superintended by a hired person, and tho' M^r. Fogg had Occasionally inspected it, he then made no objections whatever.-

I do not think any blame or neglect can be attached to the Tahsildar, but the Work shall be Sub-mitted to the inspection of the Acting Civil Engineer on his approaching progress thro' Madura.-

Signed/ J Blackburne
Principal Coll^r.

Madura
5th February
1836

To

To, The Collector of

Rajahmundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of J. W. Goodwyn Esqre Register to the Zillah Court of your District for the Amount fixed to him from the Treasury on Account of his Salary and House rent for January 1836, which is deducted in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to pass and Credit on his Account to the Civil Fund & request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors.

Salary for January 1836	525 - -
Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ per Cent for Jany 1836	32-13 -
	492-3 -
House rent for do	35 - -
Rupees	527-3 -

-tances and

Signed J. Blackburne

Prin. Collector

Madura
7th February 1836

To, The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.

Signed J. Blackburne

Prin.l Colltr.

Madura
8th February 1836

To, The Secretary to the

Military Board

Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st March and Form of the 23d April 1835, I have the honor to forward an Annual General return of Public buildings occupied by the Civil Department, dated 31st December 1835, in lieu of Quarterly returns hitherto forwarded, there

being no hired buildings in this District, the return is not furnished.—

Signed J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

Madura
8th February 1836

To, The Judge of Madura.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 6th Ins^t. just received, I beg leave to inform you that I cannot say the precise amount that will be due to the Zemindar of Cumunady at the end of the Fusly, but it would be irregular in me to accept his receipt and thereby become guarantee for the payment of the 3000 Rup^s. I anticipate, however, he will be entitled to at least a fourth more than that sum, and shall be happy to give Monthly notice to the Court, if I can recollect, before I pay the money, when the pursuer can receive it from the Zemindar direct, without any intervention on my part.— The receipt is returned.—

Signed J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

Madura
8 February 1836

To, The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Warrant, issued by me, to the Jailor, with the Prisoner Ayanoyagom pillay, Curnom Gomastah of Covilencolum Village, in the Tiroomungalom Talook, Committed for Concealing lands, & making false Entries in the Accounts of Fusly 1244, and Sentenced to 45 days imprisonment, on failing to pay the fine of 30 Rs. imposed upon him, According to Clause 4. Section V Reg^n. IX of 1822.

Signed J. Blackburne
Principal Coll^r.

Madura
Tiroomungalom
9 February 1836

To,

To
The Principal Collector of
Tanjaour

Sir,

In order to Enable me to settle a Boundary dispute between the Village of Keerangaloor in Keelanelly Talook of His Excellency the Rajah Tondiman's district and of a Village in the Shevagunga Zemindary, I have the honor to request you will favor me with the loan of the Olagoo Accounts stated to have been prepared by Mr. Harris when Collector of Tanjore in fusly 1210 for the above Villages, and which will be returned as soon as the dispute is settled.

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Madura
Keerangaloor
6th February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

To
The Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copies of 11 documents required by the Zillah Court which accompanied your letter of the 20th Ultimo on 13 of the Stampt papers furnished by you. The other documents are not forthcoming as is explained in the enclosed Zillah Memo. The other 2 Stampt papers are therefore returned.

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Madura
Sholavandan
10 Feby 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

To
The Judge of
Madura

Sir,

In Compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6 Instant, I have the honor to beg you will be so good as to order the District Moonsiff of Tirouparacoondum to sell the whole property of the Defendant in Suit No. 424 of 1834, on Condition of discharging the public balance due by him in the first ins-

-tance

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instance from the proceeds of sale, I have issued the necessary Orders to the Tahsildar on the subject.

Signed/ J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Koroyoor
11th Feby 1836 }

To The Post Master General
Madras.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 29th Ultimo I have the honor to state, that the Post Office Writer at Coolputty reports, on the 9th Instant, that the Express dispatched from Madrass to Columbo on the 2nd Ulto. reached him at 3/4 past 12 P.M. of the 4th, and not at 3/4 past 3 P.M. as stated in the Memorandum which accompanied your letter, and that he inserted it in the Index accordingly.

Signed/ J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Coraypoor
11 Feby 1836 }

To The Inspector General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt this day of the Sections of the Arrowsmith's India

...os 10 & 01 Atlas noted in the margin, in which part of the Madura and Dindigul district is included, forwarded with your letter of the 20th Ultimo.

Signed/ J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Ramnad
Sayelgoody
15 Feby 1836 }

To The Secretary to the Committee of Superintendence for Public Instruction & for the College Board
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd Instt., I beg leave to inform you Noor Tullah Sheriff is incapable of giving instruction in the English language, but I still request you will be so good as to bring my recommendation to the notice of the

the Committee for public instruction on the grounds that his services will be highly useful as a public teacher in

39 Souls Hindoostanee and Persian, which is much required in the Mussulman population of the Fort of Madura; and on the grounds that so many years ago as the College has been instituted the Committee have never been able to send an efficient teacher from Madras. If therefore the greater good cannot be attained, I trust the Committee will rather consent to give us a minor benefit than none at all.

Madura
Ramnad
17th Feby 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

To The Post Master General
Madras.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 8 Inst received on the 13th, I have the honor to state that repeated orders have been sent to the Several Post Office Writers in this Collectorate to transmit regularly their accounts, yet the Multiplicity of business to be performed by the Post Office Writer of Madura causes, on his case alone, the delay complained of. I have again enjoined a Strict adherence to punctuality in the regular transmission of the accounts, and hope that in future they will be better attended to.

I consider myself precluded by the entire separation of the Post Office department from the other branches of administration, to assist the Madura Post Office Writer with any extra occasional aid from my cutcherry, and therefore beg to renew my recommendation of the for the appointment of an assistant to him.

Madura
Ramnad
Cadosga Sundoor
17th February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector

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To, The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements.

Salt Confiscated
Goods Confiscated
Return of Persons Charged under Regulation IX of 1822

(Signed) Jn Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura
Ramnad
Terrapullamy
20 Feby 1836

To, The President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

In conformity with the instructions contained in your letter of the 4 Instant, I have the honor to forward a Statement, shewing the total quantity of Salt in which Wastage has occurred, together with its proportion per Cent. and request you will be so good as to procure me Sanction for writing it off.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collector

Madura
Ramnad
20 Feby 1836

Memorandum.

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward Copy of a letter, and Original Receipt, from the Superintendent of Stationary, together with 4 Parcels of Stationary indented for by the Sub Collector, who is requested to have the goodness to sign the receipt and return it to his Office as Early as possible.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Ramnad
20 February
1836

To, The Judge of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copy of the document required by the Tamil list, which Accompanied your letter of the 10th Instant, on the Stamp paper furnished by you.

Madura
Devapatam
21st Feby 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To, The Post Master General.
Fort St George

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 31st December last, I have the honor to forward a part of the Duplicate lists remaining up to the end of December 1835; the remainder will be dispatched, from time to time, as they are Arranged, and received from the Post Office Writers. In future they will be regularly transmitted with the Monthly Accounts, if possible.

Madura
Ramnad
Devapatam
21st Feby 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To, The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.

Madura
Ramnad
22d February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To, The Post Master General.
Madras.

Sir,

In order to secure as far as possible the early receipt of your periodical returns from this district

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I have taken the liberty to desire any of my Assistants who may happen to be in Madura whilst I am on duty in the talooks, to forward them to you, when due, under his own Signature - Of course, when at Madura, I shall be happy in executing that duty myself, and trust this arrangement will meet your approbation. -

Madura
Shevagungay
Toodi
23rd Feby 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To, The Commanding Officer
Dindigul.

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Paymaster draft of 10th December, in your favor, for Rupees 7238-2-6, and request you will be so good as to endorse your receipt on the back of it. -

Madura
Shevagunga
Toodi
23rd Feby 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To, The Commanding Officer
Ramnad

Sir,

I have the honor to Return the Paymasters draft of 10th December, in your favor, for Rs. 1867-1-? and request you will be so good as to endorse your receipt on the back of it. -

Madura
Shevagunga
Toodi
23rd Feby 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

To, The Acting Civil Engineer
4 Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Extract of a letter, and form, No. 2, from the Accountant General under date the 9 instant, and request you will be good enough to furnish me, for his satisfaction, with Abstracts and Bills in accordance. -

I take this opportunity of forwarding

Copies

Copies of two other letters from the Accountant General, dated the 11th instant, and request you will furnish me with separate Bills required, together with the Statement exhibiting the several description of allowances, composing the Amount therein entered, to enable me to attend to his wishes.—

Madura
Shevagunga
Tndy.
23rd February 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To The Post Master General
Madrass

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Instant. The Madura Post Office Writer admits the receipt of 16 letters &c entered in the lists, which accompanied the Packet of the 8th Ultimo from Madrass, and amongst them was the Packet Containing the two Stamped receipts which by oversight, he omitted to enter in the duplicate list, returned to Madrass. I have desired him to be more careful in future.—

Madura
Shevagunga
Tobdy.
25th February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To The Principal Collector of Madura

Sir

With reference to my late leave of absence I have the honor to state for the information of the Civil Auditor that I left the District on the 10th of December 1835, and returned on the 13th Ultimo.—

Dindigul
Sub Collr. Office
25th February 1836.

(Signed) W. C. Lockhart
Sub Collector

This ought to have been entered after my letter to Board [illegible] 28th [illegible]

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Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward the Sub Collector Copies of the Subjoined Acts, and requests he will be good enough to acknowledge their receipt.–

Tondy
25th Feby. 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Judicial Dept.
English Act XXI of 1835
I & 2 of 1836.
Teloogoo XXXI of 1835.
Maratta do. do.

To The Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Draft No. 732, dated 11 February 1836, for the amount received by you, and request you will return it to me at your earliest Convenience, duly receipted.–

Madura
Ramnad
Thiroovadaney
26th February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Acctt. Genl's Office
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to return, as requested, receipted, the Draft of the Paymaster under date 15 December 1835 and request it should have been forwarded to you so Carelessly.–

Madura
Ramnad
Tiroovadanay
26th February 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To The Officer Commanding
Ramnad

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Drafts No. 600, and 731, dated 16th January, and 11th February 1836, for the amount received by you, and request you will

will return them to me at your earliest Convenience duly receipted.—

Madura
Ramnad
Thirooodanay
26th February 1836 } (Sigd) J Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To The Superintendent of Stationary
Madrass

Sir,

I have the honor to return the receipt required by your letter of the 6th Instant for the Stationary indented for on the 9 Ultimo.

Madura
Shevagunga
Calliarcovil
28th Feby 1836. } Signed J Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To The Officer Commanding
Ramnad

Sir

I have the honor to return the Cash draft enclosed in your letter of the 26th Inst. and request you will be so good as to endorse a receipt on its back.

I take the liberty of suggesting that such a precaution in all future drafts would save us both trouble.—

Madura
Calliarcovil
28th February 1836. } (Signed J Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir.

I have the honor to forward letter from the Sub Collector of Madura who quitted his district on the 16th Dec.r 1835, and returned on the 13th Current not of last Month as there shewn by mistake.—

Madura
Shevagunga
Calliarcovil
28th February 1836. } (Signed J Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

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This is to Certify that Mahomed Mercoyer, & Shaik Sadulcottah Mercoyer, of Keelakurray has Rented the Maurneyom Boats to which the Tiroopelaree Davus-tanom is Entitled at the Pearl fishery at Arepporn Manar, and that they are Consequently hereby Autho-rized to enjoy the benefit of the fishery, derivable to the said Pagoda.-

J Blackburne
P Coltr

29th February 1836.-

This is to Certify that Vursay Ebirya Mercoyer, of Keelakurray, has Rented the Maurneyom Boats to which the TiroovoothuragooshmungayDavustanom is Entitled, at the Pearl fishery, at Arepporn Manar, and that he is Consequently hereby Authorized to enjoy the benefits of the fishery derivable to the said Pagoda.-

J Blackburne
P Coltr

29th February 1836.-

To The Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 16th Ulto I have the honor to state that the 35 flints, written off the Return, without Noticing the same in the Jour-nal, were issued to different individuals for protec-tion against Wild Beasts.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
Tirpavanom
1st March 1836

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the follow-ing Cadjan Drafts, in payment of Public Revenue, which I request you will be so good as to realize.-
One Draft on Nattoocottah Yarachapah Chetty, at Moottyalpettah, in Pavalacaura Street, at Madras, at 15 days Sight, drawn by Nattoocottah Ramanadan Chetty

Chetty for Rupees 12000 " "
One Draft, on Nattoocottah Pareanen Chetty, at
the above place, at 20 days sight, drawn by
Nattoocottah Moottapah Chetty for Rupees 5000 " "

Total for 2 Drafts Rs. 17000 " "

I request to be furnished with a
receipt for the above Bills.-

Madura
Tripavanom
1st. March 1836 }

Sig.d J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To, The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir
With reference to the Register
of Vouchers of my accounts, I have the honor to
forward receipts No. 81 & 83 for December last

Madura
2d. March
1836 }

Sig.d J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir.
I have the honor to inform you,
that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan
have been received during the last Week.-

Madura
2d. March
1836 }

Sig.d J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Memorandum.-
The Principal Collector has the honor to for-
-ward a package, received from the Secretary to
the Clothing Board, and requests the receipt may
be acknowledged.-

Madura
2d. March
1836 }

To The Sub Collector
Dindigul.-

To

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To The President and Members.
of the Board of Revl.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward the Statement Called for in your Boards Circular letter of the 22d of last Month.

Madura
2d March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

Statement Shewing the Number of Shroffs their Pay the Monthly Disbursements & the amount of Remittances made to the General & other Treasuries Calculated upon an Average of the last 3 Years in the Treasury of the Districts of Madura & Dindigul.

No.	Names of Shroffs	Amount of Pay per Mensem			Average Amount of Monthly disbursements from the Treasury			Average Amount of the last 3 Years remitted to the General Treasury			Average Amount of the last 3 Years remitted to other Treasuries		
		Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1	Soobramoneya Chetty Shroff	35	"	"									
2	Collen Chetty Depty. Shroff	21	"	"									
3	Vencataroyaloo Chetty Gomastah	10	8	"									
4	Seeney Chetty do.	10	8	"									
5	Kistna Chetty do.	10	8	"									
	Total	87	8	"	104,827	15	1	75,104	10	8	20,666	10	8

Madura 2 March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Prinl. Collr.

Memorandum.

One Package is dispatched from Fort St. George in the Coming of the 1st February 1836.

J. Blackburn Esqr. is requested to state the day on which the Cooly is arrived at Madura and whether the Package is received in proper Order and the quantity as specified in the Indent.

Cooly arrived at Madura on the 20th Feb

1836 with the Package in proper Order and the quantity found Correct with the Indent.-

(Signed) J Blackburne

Forwarded to the Clothing

Prin^l Coll^r

Board on the 2^d March 1836.-

To The Superintendent of Stationery

Madras

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th Ultimo with Four Parcels of Stationery for the use of my office and agreeably to your request I return the receipt with my Signature affixed thereto.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prin^l Collector

Madura
2^d March
1836.-

Received from the Stationery Office at Madras the following Articles on my Indent dated 9th January 1836 required for the use of the Prin^l Coll^r & Magistrate at Madura for the year 1836.-

Royal	50 Quires
Medium	7 d^o
Demy	20 d^o
Foles Post	4 d^o
D^o d^o	20 d^o
Foolscap	70 d^o
Kings Arms	20 d^o
Blotting Paper	1 d^o
Account Books Marble Cover	6 d^o
Quills	2784 d^o
Pencils Black	48 d^o
D^o red	6 d^o
Ink Powder Black	24 Papers
Wafers	4 Boxes
Indian Rubber	15 Pieces
Silk Thread	1/4 lb
Penknives Ivory	6 d^o
D^o Clasp	10 d^o
Tape	10 Pieces
Twine	10 lb
Erasing Knives	6 d^o
Pewter Chest Inkstand	6 d^o
Lead Flats	6 d^o
Paper Folder	6 d^o

Tr^ue (Sig^d) M V Vencatachellam

P.S. In every ream of Paper the 2 outside Quires contain only 20 instead of 24 sheets in the State in which they are received from England.-

(Signed) J Blackburne

P^l Coll^r

To The Officer Commanding 31/61

Sir, Ramnad

I have the honor to return the draft contained in your letter of the 29th Ultimo, payment of which I have already recommended to the care of the Sub Tasildar, and request you will be so good as to endorse your receipt on the back of it.

Madura } (Signed) I. Blackburne
2d March 1836. } Prin.l Coll.r

No. 56 Exchange for Madras Rupees 2600 " "

To The Accountant General

Sir, Fort St George

Having received from J. Blackburne Esqre, Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Rupees One thousand and Six hundred, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at Ten days after Sight of this my first Bill, the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid, pay the said sum to Messrs Binny & Co but not to their Order, as per advice from

Madura } (Signed) I. Blackburne
4th March 1836. } Prin.l Coll.r

To The Accountant General

Sir, Fort St George

I hasten to retransmit the Paymaster's draft of the 16th January, in my favor, with my receipt endorsed upon it, and regret much the trouble you have been put to by the omission.

Madura } (Signed) I. Blackburne
4th March 1836. } Prin.l Coll.r

To The Officer Commanding

Sir, Dindigal

I have the honor to return a draft in your

your favor for Rupees 10,906-14-0, dated 12th January last, and request you will be so good as to endorse it with your receipt.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

Madura
4th March 1836.

To, The Post Master General
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to return the Transit road Index, which accompanied your letter of the 24th Ultimo, the hour of arrival and dispatch of the express from Madras to Columbo, at Coodapully is entered 3/4 P. M. which appears quite correct. It seems to me you have been led into an error as to the hour from a small hole formed by the folding of the Transit Index.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

Madura
4th March
1836.

To The Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of One document on Common paper, as prescribed by Sect. 30 Regulation 13 of 1816, according to the Enclosed Tamil list, as requested in your letter of the 23d Ultimo, the documents required to be furnished on the 6 Stampt papers, forwarded by you, will be hereafter sent, the Originals having been forwarded to the Judge in Circuit & not yet returned.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

Madura
4th March
1836.

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To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1. It will be in your recollection that Rupees 40000. of the last fusly's Peshcush for the Shevagungah Zemindary, was allowed to lie over till February of the current year:- On the 11th. January - you directed me to for-bear to press payment of this balance, pending consideration of the Zemindar's claim to recovery of a long arrears of Moturpha, in aid of which you called for certain Accounts, and a report.- In my answer of the 16th. of the same month, I promised the statement and report should be speedily prepared - it is under preparation, and I think I may confidently promise you shall receive it in all this Month I further took the liberty of suggesting your orders would throw con-siderable difficulty in my way, and I hesitated not to assure you the balance would certainly be recovered unless the Zemindar was aware of your lenient disposition in his favor.- I scrupulously obeyed your order not to press him, and, as I foresaw, the money was paid within the given time i.e. 26,000 Rupees were paid in cash, and a bill drawn on Madras Merchants for the remaining 14,000.- But the Zemindar was well aware of your Board's Instructions to me, and with true native duplicity he liquidated, as above shewn, the whole of last year's balance, but has paid only Rupees 5000- (also by a bill on Madras) out of 35,000 due for his February Kist.-

Since drafting the letter Rs. 5000. have been paid.

2. My course is plain to proceed immediately to the sequestration of his Zemindarry, or portion of it, under the provisions of Regulation XXVII of but I am with-held by the spirit of your letter of the 11th. January, and by that alone; for after serious consideration of the Zemindar's embarrass-ments and inaptitude for business I feel convinced that forberance - towards him is a very mistaken mercy.-

3. I will state for your Board's consideration the grounds that would

would seem to entitle him to forbearance and the reasons which weigh with me in declining to recommend it.—

1st. The punctuality with which he has fulfilled his engagement of paying the 40000 Rupees balance of last year.—

2d. The unfavorable state of the season to him, combining the two evils of short produce and low prices— and here I must bespeak your patience whilst I enter into the detail.— I have but a few days ago returned from a hasty visit through the chief part of his Zemindary, when I ascertained from personal communication with himself, his head revenue Officer and the Ameens of most of his talooks, corroborated by the public estimate accounts, that though the Cultivation has been carried on to a considerably greater extent in the present than in the former year, yet from the rain having fallen at an unfavorable moment, and from blight, the produce has not equalled that of last year; whilst the price is infinitely lower, and even that low rate cannot be attained if a harsh pressure for payment of the Kists necessitates its sale as fast as it is reaped.— There are hopes that if the grain be kept from sale till May and June, a higher price will be realized.— a plentiful second crop, or much surplus grain in the neighbouring district, may very possibly disappoint these expectations— the trial, however, is decidedly to be recommended.— The Zemindary is almost entirely Nunja, and the tenure, share of produce— The ready money Collections, small in amount, have been realized.— The total Peshcush for the year is Rupees 2,62,500; of which only Rupees 4,700 have been paid.— The Zemindar's share of the crops now on the land is estimated at cullams 2,10,000 — of which 70000 is pledged to the Nattacottay Chitties who have to pay him Rupees 25,500, add to which Rupees 140,000, the value of the grain left him, at an estimate of One Rupee per cullam, and there will thus remain only Rupees 165,500 towards liquidation

of

of his annual Peshcush; and thus an arrear of Rupees 59000 will still be exhibited against the Zemindarry at the end of the fusly. The Charges of Collection, and the means of maintaining his own state, must be defrayed from any second crops, or failing that, by loans.-

3rd and lastly- If the Government come to the conclusion, which I view as a just one, that the Zemindar is entitled to recovery of the long arrears of Moturpha, and determine to give him credit for it, there can be no right or necessity for the immediate sequestration of the Zemindarry, for the principal alone, amounting to more than Rupees 100000 (I am now engaged in an enquiry with a view to prove ~~ing~~ the correctness or otherwise of this sum) would leave him the Creditor instead of Debtor of Government.-

My objections to forbearance towards the Zemindar are, my conviction of his embarrassments, which nothing but great energy and unwearied oeconomy can relieve him from:- His natural extravagance, or perhaps I might be more correct in saying, easiness of disposition- and inaptitude for business:- The debt, I believe, descended to him as a heir loom, and amounted to 350000 Rupees; and though nearly 100,000 Rupees were paid from the profits of one good year, the heavy interest, and subsequently contracted loans, have augmented it to more than Rupees 400000- The tanks and Channels of supply are generally, almost without exception, in a state of decay; their efficient repair would cause a sudden and very great increase of produce, but to be done effectually, would require an outlay of Rs 100000 as I am led to believe by the vague surmises of the Revenue officers and Ryots, the acknowledgement of the Zemindar, & summary inspection of some of the largest tanks that lay in my road, and by understanding that no money has been laid out for this purpose for the last 20 years.—

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4. I beg leave to sum up this long address with recom-mending that I be directed not to press the Zemindar for any further payments till after the 15th July, it being understood that all sales of grain effected during that interval be for-warded to the Madura treasury - and that I then report the particulars of the balance to your Board previous to taking any further steps:- I offer this recommendation under the hope that, by that period the question of the Zemindar's claim to recovery of the Moturpha will be decided upon - for upon that decision should rest any ulterior determination regarding the sequesteration of the Zemindarry.—

Madura
7th March 1836.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

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To, The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the documents required by the Tamil Memo that accompanied your letter of the 29th Ultimo, are not forthcoming in this Office, as shown in the Enclosed Tamil list: the Stamp paper is herewith returned—

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura } 4th March 1836— } Prin'l Coll'r

To, The Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred Petitions have been disposed of by me in last Month, None remaining to be disposed of—

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura } 5th March 1836— } Prin'l Coll'r

To, Ensign J. Hitson

45th Reg't N. I.

Sir,

I have the honor to return a draft of the Paymaster, in your favor, for Rup's 176-1-1 dated the 1st January last, and request you will be so good as to indorse your receipt upon it, and return it to me—

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Madura } 5th March 1836— } Prin'l Coll'r

To, The Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

1. In answer to your letter of the 26th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Salaries of the Writers &ca Servants of your department ought to be drawn out in a Separate abstract, whilst your personal allowances should be drawn out according to the form of the Bill No. 2, already furnished to you, I beg to enclose Extracts of paras 2, 3 & 4 from a letter from the Accountant General

dated

dated 29th Ultimo, and to return you the abstracts No 4 5 and 6 therein alluded to, for pay and allowances of the Acting, and 2d. Assistant Civil Engineers, for Novr. and December last, from which I request you will exclude the Salaries of Surveyors and the Establishment, and prepare separate abstracts for them, and Bills for your personal Allowances according to the present form, attested by your respective signatures, and furnish them to this office as early as possible.

The Abstract and Bills returned by the Accountant General for revision according to the new form are herewith forwarded as pr. Memo accompanying.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura
5th March 1836.
Princl. Collr.

To Lieutenant S. Best
Late Actl. Cl. Engineer 4 Dn
Ootacamund.

Sir

When the enclosed Bill was presented by Mr. Hogg in January, he stated it was erroneous and that being only entitled to Rups. 145. 1. 4, he would receive that money, and on procuring a fresh draft would receive back the one in question. With a view to save you from inconvenience I complied with his request and the former amount was charged in my Journal for January. On his subsequent application, he received the difference of Rupees 17. 8. 0 in February, which amount was accordingly necessarily entered in my Journal for Feby. but as it is imperatively necessary to support each charge by a separate voucher, I request you will be so good as to favor me with two drafts, in lieu of the one

now returned.—

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Madura
5th March 1836.}

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin Collr.

To, The Post Office Writer
of Madura &cas

Circular

The Hon'ble John Sullivan having been appointed a Member of Council of this Presidency, you are directed to pass all letters &ca. to his address free of postage, and Continue to pass all letters &ca. addressed to Mr. Oliver free of Postage until his Embarkation for Europe, as directed in the Post Mr. General's letters of the 2d Instant.—

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Madura
5th March 1836.}

(Signed) J. Silver
Asst. Collr.

To, The Post Office Writer
Dindigul

The Post Mr. General having directed, in his letter of the 3d Instant, to refund the writer or sender of the letter directed to the Secretary to the Military fund "dispatched in the packet from Dindigul to Madras on the 30th January 1836, the postage of 8 annas levied thereon, you are hereby directed to refund the 8 annas and obtain a receipt for the same

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Madura
7th March 1836.}

(Signed) J. Silver
Asst. Collr.

To, The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen.

The old balances against the Ryots of the whole district, at the end of last month, were only Rupees 1830-7-3.— Of this Rupees 1000 are due from the Cumbatum (lands in his own occupation) of the Cunnywady Zemindar, for Fusly 1237, and will be adjusted by withholding that

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that amount from the 10 per Cent Commission, that will fall to him for Fusly 1246, as Sanctioned by Govt. on the 21st August 1835. For the remaining balance of Rupees 30-7-3, I shall be very much obliged if you will procure me sanction to write it off, as being totally irrecoverable, being due in proportions of Rupees 10-12-1 & Rupees 11-11-2 from an aged and dismissed Nattamgar, and from one Veerapa Naick, for land long waste made over to him on Cowle, the Conditions of which he has been unable to fulfil, and which is no longer in force. Both these men are utterly impoverished.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

Madura
7th March 1836

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to return you two Drafts duly receipted as per Margin, drawn by the Paymaster at Trichinopoly, in favor of the Officers Commanding Ramnad and Dindigul, as required in your letter under date 10th Ultimo.—

1 dated 10th Decr 1835 for Rs 7238.26
1 do. do. 1067.17
Total 8305.41

(Signed) J Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

Madura
7th March 1836

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

In answer to your Circular letter of the 26th January last I have the honor to state that the undermentioned quantity and description of Copper Coins appear, from information of merchants, to be in Circulation in this district.—

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4 Pice pieces	211200	These Copper Coins are receivable in the Treasury
2 Do	420640	
1 Do	153600	
40 Cash pieces	5415	
20 Do	221143	
10 Do	1102206	
Perea Ummen Cash	3140	These Copper Coins are in Circulation in the district but not receivable in the Treasury
Chinna Ummen Cash	7540	
Therass pice	500	
Columbo Chelly	471000	
Roman Pice	945	
Annay Cash	62400	
Ponneahs Pice	1140	
Dalghaut Cash	1100	
Vesery Cash	1800	
Trichinopoly Cash	1410	
Kaulay Cash	76104	
Perea Annay Cash	1060	
Chinna Annay Cash	3520	
Salem Cash	4700	
Tanjore Cash	10560	

Madura
7th March
1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 3d Ultimo, received 8th, directing me to ascertain the probable Amount of half and quarter Rupees and Annas, in Circulation throughout this district, and whether any want of Small Coins is Experienced among the people, & if so at what Exchange they are given by the Shroffs & what Supply and denomination of Coin would probably bring them to Par in Exchange and requesting that the

the Smaller Coin required for the Convenience of the people mentioned in the Copper pieces of 1/2 - 1/4 - & 1/12 now substituted for the Anna - I have the honor to state that the supposed Amount of half rupees in Circulation is 377,000; Quarter rupees 208,200; double Annas 175400; and 246400 Single Annas; the Shroffs Exchange is from 1 to 2 pice above the rupee - the quantity of Small Coin, required to bring it to Par, seems to be an additional 110,000 half rupees 80,000 quarter rupees, and in Copper Coin 1/2 pieces to the Amount of 30450 Rs; 1/4 pieces 10,200 Rups; and in 1/12 Anna 15020 Rs.

Madura
7th March 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.

Madura
7th March 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl Collr

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copies of letters from the Accountant General to my address and from myself to the Zillah Judge and request you will be so good, when you sanction payment at the Presidency of officers entitled to pay in this District, to apprize the officer

through whom it ought to be paid of the circumstance at the time - as such a measure would save much time and trou=ble in the adjustment of my accounts, which I find it almost impossible to prepare to the satisfaction of the Accountant General.-

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

Madura
8th March 1836-

To The Resident of Tanjore.-

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Correc=ted Bill agreeably to the instructions Contained in the Accountant General's letter transmitted with your letter of the 11th January last.-

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(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
8th March 1836-

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

1.- I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter and Memo: annexed, from the Accountant General, for Salary drawn by Mr. R. A. Williamson, Register of the Zillah Court of Madura, on the General Treasury at Madras, and as the amount was drawn and Charged in your Indents for November and December last, I request you will be good enough to remit back, to my Treasury, the amount of Rs. 1054-6-

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2.- I take the liberty of suggesting that if you refrained from entering in your indents the pay of officers whose receipts you do not hold, I should be saved much trouble in the adjustment of my accounts.-

Unwilling to trouble you unnecessarily

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I have in vain applied to the Accountant General & Civil Auditor, and have again addressed the Civil Auditor on the subject this day.—

Madura }
8th March 1836.— }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To The Actg. Civil Engineer
4th Division
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Sir

I have the honor to return the Abstract forwarded with your letter of the 4th Instant & request to Call your attention to mine of the 5th Instant.—

Madura }
9th March 1836.— }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To The President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have just ascertained that the Tahsildar of Madacalum erroneously, and contrary to all prevailing custom, collected ten Rupees and 2 pice, on land producing a third crop, last year from Chokalingam Pillay, and other Ryots of Shembacoody, which was credited under the head of Extra Revenue in November last.— I request you will have the goodness to procure me sanction for its repayment.—

Madura }
9th March 1836. }
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To The Resident of
Tanjaour.—

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 8th January last, I have the honor to forward Copy of

an address from the Zemindar of Shevagungah, dated the 4th Instant, Complaining against the inhabitants of Shevaloor in His Excellency the Rajah Tondiman's country, of forcibly taking away Sheep and other property from the inhabitants of Poolangcaurchee in Shevagungah; some of this property was produced before my Head Sherishtadar and Bapoo Row, the Tehsildar of Keeranoor when they met for the purpose of deciding the boundary dispute, and as the property has not since been restored, according to promise, I request you will be good enough to Cause it, as well as the property stated to have been Carried away since the decision to be restored to the owners, and take measures to prevent the recurrence of such proceedings on the part of His Excellency's Subjects; for even supposing the Shevagungah people had entered His Excellency's Country / which is distinctly denied / it was the part of the injured to complain to His Excellency's Constituted authorities, and not take the law into their own hands.–

Without presuming to dictate what measures should be taken, I will mention that I cannot hope there will be any peace on that border unless the Curnam of Shevaloor, an old man who appeared to me to be, in consequence of some family disagreement, the great instigator of the quarrel between the two villagers, be removed from his situation.–

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
9th March 1836

To The Judge of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt

receipt, this day, of Rupees 1054 - 6 - " forwarded with your letter of yesterday's date.—

Madura }
10th March 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

To, The Resident of Tanjaour.

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address and its Enclosure from the Sea Custom Chowkeydar of Devepatam, in Ramnad, reporting in answer to any instructions that a Chuttram, founded by the Ancestors of His Highness the Rajah of Tanjaour, is in a very delapidated state.— As the Charity was intended to be Continued in perpetuity for the benefit of Travellers, and Pilgrims resorting in Numbers to the Island of Ramaswaram, I request you will have the goodness to ascertain the wishes of His Highness as to the repair of the building, or whether he would permit any person who may be desirous of repairing it, to do so.—

Madura }
11th March 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

To, The Collector of Rajamundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of J. W. Goodwyn Esqr., Register to the Zillah Court of your District, for the amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his Salary, and House Rent, for February 1836 which is debited in the accounts of this

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Salary for Feby 1836	525 " "
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 1/4 p. Cent	32 13 "
	492 3 "
House rent for D° D°	35 " "
	527 3 "

this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you, to draw and Credit on his account to the Civil Fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your accounts under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors." –

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ.l Coll.

Madura
11th March 1836 –

To The President and Members of the B.d of Rev.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. – I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 24th Ultimo, of your Circular of the 8th of the same month, with two sketch drafts of a regulation for realizing the revenue in unsettled districts, and calling for my sentiments and observations upon them. –

2. – The sketch commencing "Be it enacted that from and after the provisions of Regulation XXVII of 1802 of the Madras Code for the recovery of arrears &c" appears, to me, to have the preference over the other, because the several provisions of Regulation XXVIII of 1802 seem indispensibly necessary to the realization of the revenue in districts subject to annual ryotwary Settlement, which provisions do not appear to be secured by the latter draft; and I take the liberty of submitting another sketch for your consideration, as embracing a greater detail, and meeting some difficulties that have occasionally come to my notice. –

1. – Be it enacted that from and after " " the provisions of Regulation XXVII of 1802 of the Madras Code for the recovery of arrears of public revenue in the Territories under the Presidency of Fort St George, shall be considered applicable only to Zemindars, holding lands under a Sunnud i Mulkut Istimrar, or without the

Summed at a fixed Peshkush, and to farmers of the public revenue, holding farms immediately from Govt. of not less than an entire village, and, similarly to Shrotriumdars of entire villages, paying a fixed quit rent to Government, and not subject to an annual settlement; and that in all other cases arrears of public revenue, due on account of land, shall be collected according to the rules contained in Regulation XXVIII of 1802 of the same Code, under certain modifications.—

2.— That it shall be competent to Collectors to bring to sale any property in land belonging to a defaulter in satisfaction of the arrear due by him, without a previous application to the Court of Adalut—such sales to be effected by the Collector in his own Cutcherry, or by the Tahsildars under his orders in the villages where the land is situated.—

3.— Collectors shall have the power of keeping defaulters under personal restraint for a period not exceeding two months, either by placing Peons over them or by confining them in the Talook, or in his own Cutcherry.—

4.— Collectors are empowered to send defaulters to the Zillah Jail, for confinement, either prior or subsequent to the sale of part, or the whole of their property, under the process provided in Section XIII Regn. XXVII of 1802.—

5.— Commissioners appointed by the Court of Adalut, under Section XXIII Regulation XXVII of 1802,

shall

shall be liable to suspension, and dismission, by the Judge of the Zillah, on the information by the Collector of their gross neglect of duty, and that part of Section XXIV of the above Regulation requiring the sanction of the Sudder Adalut to such removal, is hereby annulled.—

6.— One month previous to the sale of a defaulter's land, a notice specifying the defaulter's name and usual place of residence, the amount of arrears for each fusly, and name of village in which the balance has accrued, the extent and particulars of the land attached, and the date and place of proposed sale, shall be prepared, one Copy to be affixed to the Talook Catcherry, and one to the most public spot in the village in which the land is situated, and a copy, with English Translation, to be submitted to the Board of Revenue.—

7.— The powers given to Zillah Judges by Section XVI XVII and XVIII of Regulation XXVIII of 1802 are hereby transferred to Collectors and Magistrates.—

8.— To prevent any misconstruction it is hereby declared that Sanctions XXIX and XXXIV are not applicable to cases of Ryotwary settlement contemplated in this Regn.

9.— In addition to the authority vested in Collrs. by Sectn. II. Regn. I of 1826, they are further empowered to impose fines to any amount not exceeding 10 rupees, for neglect of duty and disobedience of order by pagoda and village servants, not receiving any direct money payments from Government, which fines shall be recoverable in the manner provided in the above quoted Section.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
11 March 1836

To

To,
The President and Members of the B^d. of Rev^e.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to return Petition No. 42 of 1836, received yesterday, which it appears has been, by over-sight, forwarded to me. The Sender thereof being a resident of Tinnevelly.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ^l. Coll^r.

Madura
12th. March 1836.

To,
The Post Master General
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit here-with the Contingent Bill, No. 3, of the Dindigul Post Office for the Month of January last as noted in the Monthly Account Current of February 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princ^l. Coll^r.

Madura
12th. March 1836.

To,
The President and Members of the B^d. of Rev^e.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1. I have the honor to return Petition No. 64 of 1835, received yesterday, with your letter of the 7th. Instant, and with it I forward copy of my Indorse-ment, dated Madura 10th. October 1834, on a similar application made to myself. The indorsement was guided by the Boards to Government, under date 10th. January last, on their consideration of a separate, but similar, case.

2. With respect to the claim of Petitioner in No.

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No. 59 of 1836 (returned) for the recovery of 2 Villages for which he has had no enjoyment for a length of time, it does not seem to be one cognizable by me under the existing Regulations; but if your Board think proper to repeat your instructions they shall meet immedi-ate attention.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
12th March 1836

To,
The Judge of Madura

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 4th instant, I have the honor to furnish Copies of docu-ments on 5 Stampt papers, agreeably to the enclosed Tamil Memo: One of the documents not being forth-coming, the 6th Stampt paper is returned.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
12th March 1836

To,
The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Memo: of remarks on a few items of the Salt transactions of this district, with my replies, as requested in your letter of the 8th Ultimo.

I further beg to inform you that the va-lue of 42 G. 369 Ms. 4 3/4 me., alluded to in the 2nd para of your letter under reply, was included in the 1st Item of Rs. 10019 – 8 – 8, the Manufacturers share on 5 Garce & 350 Mercal erroneously stated to have been paid to them, was neither paid nor charged in the Accounts – the State-ment

Statement of the quantity and value of salt, found in store, and paid for in September 1833, is also forwarded

Madura
12th March 1836

(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To,
The President and Members of the Bd. of Revl.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.— On the 12th, I had the honor to receive the Extract of your Proceedings, dated the 7th, Inst., communicating the orders of Government to cease requiring the aid of military detachments, for escorting remittances from the salt treasury at Ramnad to Madura, an order grounded on the construction of Govt. that my letter of the 25th June 1834 expressed an opinion that its continuance was unnecessary,— and calling for my opinion if the military guard over the salt treasury itself might not also be dispensed with.—

2.— The 14 salt pans extend along the Coast from the Tanjore to the Tinnevelly border— a coast throughout little inhabited and very insecure. Ramnad itself, where stands the principal salt cutcherry, is about five miles inland from the most centrical pan, from whence to Madura, in a direct line, is 70 miles, the whole intermediate country belonging to the two Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagunga, and running through tracts covered with jungle, and affording good harbour for malefactors.—

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3.— The monthly salt collections, averaging Rupees 2,000, and Sayer, Abkary and Sea Customs, averaging Rs 10,000, making a total of 30000 Rs are consigned from time to time to the Salt treasury at Ramnad whence it is forwarded, on the 20th of each month, and reaches the Madurä treasury on the 28th.—

4.— Should the military guard over the treasury, and the military escort, be peremptorily discontinued, I must request sanction for the entertainment of at least 20 other peons at 4 Rs each and 2 duffs at 7 Rs; one half for the escort service, and one half for the service of the guard; and even then I shall have considerable fear for the safety of the treasure, as no fear of fine a dismissal of peons can compensate for the discipline and watchful habits of the sepoys.—

5.— There are at present 20 peons entertained for the salt establishment, 14 are detached to the 14 pans — two to each of the two overseers and four remain at the principal salt cutcherry.—

6.— I hope you will procure me the pardon of Government for continuing to require the aid of a military escort, or will inform me by return of post, that the order is positive and thereby save me from disobedience, particularly as the Government have derived from my letter an opinion I did not mean it to convey.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Provl. Collr.

Madura
Sholavundan
14th March 1836

To The Military Paymaster Southn. Dn.
Trichinopoly

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

Rd. 17th. of your letter bearing date 15th instant, enclosing a Draft in Duplicate for Rs. 33-10-" for the pay of Native Pensioners attached to the Public Bungalows for Febry. 1836.

Madura }
19th. March 1836 }

(Sig.d) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To
The Accountant in the Revenue Dept. of the Acc.t Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to return you Two Drafts duly receipted as per Margin, Drawn by the Paymaster at Trichinopoly in favor of Ensign J. Kitson of the 45 Regt. N. I., and the Officer Commanding at Dindigul, as required in your letter under date 9th. Instant.

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Total Rs. 11162-15-8

Madura }
19th. March 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To The Sub Collector
Dindigul.

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to furnish me at your Earliest Convenience with a Return of the Number and quantity of Military Stores under your Charge, the Return should be prepared as per Form A laid down in the 2d Para of the Orders of Government, published in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 25th November 1834, Page 835.

Madura }
19th. March 1836 }

(Sig.d) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To, The Judge of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to forward Copy

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of a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board under date the 8th instant and request that you will be good enough to furnish me with the Return therein alluded to, as Early as possible.–

Madura }
19th March 1836. }
(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.–

Madura }
19th March 1836. }
(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

Memorandum.–

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward Copy of an Occasional Estimate received from Assistant Revenue Surveyor Mr. Hogg, for repairing a Dam and Channel from the Varadaur in the limits of Marambaudy in Taudicombo; and requests the Sub Collector will favor him with his Sentiments in detail as Early as possible on its necessity.–

Madura }
21st March 1836. }
(Sigd.) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

To, The President and Members of the Bd. of Rev.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,
Not being as yet furnished with the Salt Rowannahs, applied for by my Indent of the 2d January last

last, I have the honor to state that great difficulty is at present Experienced for want of them, and I therefore request your Board will be pleased to Expedite their despatch as Early as possible.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
21st March 1836.

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
21st March 1836.

To The Accountant in the Rev.e Dep.t of the Accountant Gen.ls office
Fort St George

Sir,
I have the honor to forward the receipt for Rupees 145-4-4 on Account of the sum of Rs. 272-11-8 alluded to in the 4th Para of your letter of the 29th Ultimo.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
21st March 1836.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,
I have the honor to request you will favor me with the loan of 804 Salt Rowanahs to be returned as soon as my Indent is Complied with.

(Sig.d) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

Madura
21st March 1836.

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To,

The President and Members of the Bd. of Rev

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter and Reandlet Extract, received yesterday, from the Civil Auditor, and in doubt whether that Officer has called upon me from mistake, or if you really require further information from me to enable you to make your report to Government I have the honor to request your Instructions.—

(Sigd.) J Blackburn

Princl. Coll

Madura
22d March 1836.—

To, The President and Members of the Bd. of Rev

Fort St. Geo

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 14 calling upon me to submit, without further delay, the information required by the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 8th. January last, and forwarded to me under date 14 of same month, reached me only yesterday.—

Not having the slightest recollection of having received any order to report on the operation of the Regulation regarding State Prisoners, the whole day was devoted to enquiry for the letter in question, but it is neither forthcoming nor does any one in the office recollect to have seen it.— I must therefore request you will be good enough to furnish me with another copy to enable me to obey your instructions.—

(Sigd.) J Blackburn

Princl. Coll

Madura
22d March 1836.—

No.

No. 57. Exchange for Madras Rupees — 400 " "

To,

The Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Madras Rups Four hundred to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Messrs Arbuthnot & Co, but not to their order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl Collr

Madura
22d March 1826.

To,

The President and Members of the Bd of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

1.— With reference to the Extract from the Proceedings of your Board, dated 22d of last February received yesterday, I have the honor to state that the Head Sheristadar has Controul over every Department of the Revenue Cutcherry, in accordance with the Circular letter dated 25th August 1820, and with them of Course the Stamps also, which are kept in my Cutcherry.—

2.— Stamps of high value, from want of purchasers are still on hand, but no stamped papers bearing the signature of a former Collector are kept on hand, for the sake of previous disposal of those bearing the signature of the Collr presiding. All of that discription shall now be set aside for

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early despatch to Madras.—

Madura } 22 March 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

To The President and Members of the Bd. of Revd.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1.— In reply to your letter of the 17 Inst. received yesterday I must admit my oversight of your Instructions of the 19th January 1832.—

2.— If Government disapprove of the principle of a charity of this nature a charity which I have always been in the habit of looking on as a blessing to the native community as being particularly acceptable to their religious prejudices greatly conducive to their convenience, and in many roads to their personal safety I scarcely know how to urge my recommendation further than I have already done in the remarks appended to the Statement, however desirous I am for the sanction of the two Choultries

3.— The road on which the Yanambupoo-ram choultry is built is one comparatively with the other little frequented, but its situation as a place of safety and refuge in a Jungly and rocky track, makes it of the greater consequence in that point of view.— The Chittampatty Choultry is situated half way between Melur and Madura and its locality was selected on the same grounds as wayd. in the selection of the public bungalow for Europ at

at the same place and as completing the entire line of accomodation for native travellers from Trichinopoly to Tinnevelly within the Madura district, as will be observed by the return of Bungalows, Choultries &ca submitted to your Board, in obedience to one then of your requisitions, by this days post.

4. If it is not entirely against your will I could beg your support of these two Recommendations that my oversight, and the ignorance, perhaps, of the Tahsildar may not give cause for the builders to accuse the bad faith of the Government Officers.

Madura
22d March 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the Inspector General of Civil Estimates
Fort St George

Sir,

R I have the honor to forward a List of the places at which public Bungalow's for the reception of Europeans, Soldiers Sheds, and Choultrees for Native Travellers, are built, on the different roads in this district, as required by your Circular letter No. 58, dated
16. the 9th Instant.

Madura
22d March 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the British Resident
Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to induce the subjects of His Exccy the Rajah Tondimaun who are interested in the boundary dispute between Arramanaguel in
R Shevagunga & Korangaloor in Poodoocottah to meet me at the latter place on the 25th proximo, without fail, bringing with them all the witnesses and documents they may have in support

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I request you will also induce H. E. to depute any one he pleases to assist at the investigation and with full power to render the decision Entirely valid if he approves of it.-

If the time or place be objected to, I trust it may be made known to me - but if agreed to, I hope Measures will be taken to save me from any disappointment, as my visit to Narongaloor will be solely to settle the dispute.-

Madura
22d. March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Register of Vouchers of my Accounts, I have the honor to forward receipts No. 66 - 83 - 88 - 89 - 91 - and 93 - for January last.-

Madura
23d. March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the Civil Engineer
4th. Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Statement with an abstract and Data (para No. 1 to 3) of Probable Estimates of Ordinary repairs of Tanks and Watercourses &ca. in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul for the year 1836.-

Madura
23d. March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements -

Salt Confiscated -
Goods Confiscated -
Report of Persons suspended and Dismissed in conformity to Section VII Regulation VI of 1831 -

Madura
[illegible] } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.r

To the Sub Collector

Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be pleased to furnish the Return required by my letter of the 19th Instant as early as possible.–

Madura
24th March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

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To the Principal Collector of

Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to return 2 Bills for part of salary and allowances of the Civil Engineers Department from Lieutenant Samuel Best, Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division forwarded with your letters of the 10th and 19th Instant noted in the Margin, as they are not prepared in accordance to Form No. 2, annexed to a Circular letter from the Accountant General under date 9th ultimo, and request you will be so good as to obtain revised ones from the above officer agreeable to the Form and forward them to me at your earliest convenience for transmission to the Accountant General.–

Madura
24th March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

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To the Principal Collector of

Canara

Sir,

I have the honor to return a Bill for part of Salary and allowances of the Civil Engineers Department from Lieutenant S. Best Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division forwarded with your letter of the 12th Instant noted in the Margin, as it is not prepared in Accordance to Form No. 2.– annexed in a Circular letter from the Accountant General under date 9th ultimo, and request you will be so good as to obtain

1 Bill for the Month of December 1835 Rs. 33 – 8 –

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obtain a revised one from the above Officer agreeable to the Form and forward it to me, at your Earliest convenience, for transmission to the Accountant General.-

Madura
24th March 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Committee of Prison Discipline
Calcutta

Gentlemen,

Para 1 I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 10th ultimo on the 12th Instant.-

Regulation IX Secn. 32 and 33. A. D. 1816 — The extent of punishment allowed to the Magistrate by the Madras code being only a Months confinement for theft and 15 days for petty misdemeanours, it is hardly necessary to observe your querries cannot apply to me individually as when the full extent of punishment is awarded the parties sentenced are transferred to the Zillah Jail, under charge of the Criminal Judge; and if I offer a few remarks on the subject of your enquiry, it is more to shew my readiness to obey the orders of Government than any hope that they contain information with which you are not made acquainted from more authentic sources, and where the subject has been more carefully considered

2. Houses of correction, properly so called, are not attached to any Jail that I have seen in a service of upwards of 20 years, but Criminal prisoners are frequently employed in Inside labor only. the labors consist of weaving - paper making - basket and Net and rope Making; and this from two causes, vizt. to give a return for the expense of their detention, in contributing to their own Maintenance in preparation of the Cloths annually provided for them, and saving the expense of articles used in their work; and to give them an honest means of livelihood when their sentence shall have expired; and I may add that a third, but rare, class is employed in light labor

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inside the Jail in consideration of the nature of their offence and temptation to its perpetration, combined with their Caste, and independent of their offence (ordinary great propriety of behaviour (the ye in rare instances).-

3.- The only labor imposed on Civil prisoners, debtors or otherwise, I believe, is the fetching water for their own use, beating their Rice out of husk, and preserving the cleanliness of their places of detention.-

Cir: order Houg^d udat. 16th Sept. 1833.

4.- Labor within the Jail is more likely to meet the Charges of detention than any other and its only advantage otherwise, appears to me, to be giving a means of obtaining a livelihood on emancipation; If the Jail is so small that the work men only supply themselves no real injury is felt. but if the establishment is so large as to leave a saleable article it is an injury deeply felt by the honest community of the place; for from the influence of the Superintendent of the Jail and from the instruction of Government to their public officers a more ready market is found for the first than the second. they ought also to be able to under-sell the honest artizan, as the house rent and conveniences are seldom taken into the account.-

Such is my Impression contrary to the order

5.- No doubt constant labor within a Jail, if carried bonafide to hardwork would be dreaded by all as a punishment, but to the low Caste man it is indifferent whether his labors are secluded from or in the face of man. the extent is all that affects them; whereas the inside labor cæteris paribus, is to the man of comparative education, or rank in life a serious relief from the punishment. such a man, if the inside labor be light or even moderate, thinks little of the confinement, where-as when he is compelled to drag his Chain in the eyes of his friends,

and former associates, their weight is tenfold.- I lay no stress on his being unaccustomed to an unusual labor, because I suppose he ought to be gradually inured to take his full share of task work.- If labor must be found inside, I have little hesitation in stating my opinion that the tread mill is the best- here there is no possibility of evading your fair share, and the attempt at evasion carries its own punishment- strongly advocating out-door labors, I willingly concede for an inside one, the preference to the tread-mill, and I imagine it may be turned as much to account, if such be the object of Government, as any other, but it wants that one requisite of making a convict useful on emancipation- it can have taught him nothing but obe=dience, and may perhaps have invigorated his bodily frame- Rope and brick making and beating Chunam are labors well selected for convicts- but to me they do not seem so appropriate as cleansing streets of towns and keeping public roads in repair.- I am aware of the tread mill being introduced into the Jail at Chinglepat, but it was necessarily done under the care of an European or Indo Briton, I forget which, and though I heard a high character of him I know not the results.- I have heared of more than one Jail that has paid its expenses but I fancy house rent and guards must have been either left out or Miscalculated.-

6. A certain degree of classification is always attended to, but is often obliged to give away to accidental circumstances and is, I believe, never carried further than as regards caste.- I conceive the attention paid to this point is very trifling; and must necessarily be so, as to do it effectually, would entail a great expense.-

7. As regards the habits and prejudices of Natives, I conceive there is no objection whatever to a strictly solitary confinement, on the score of expense, very great, if it be intended to carry it to any

any extent. In Military cantonments solitary cells are built for the European Soldiery - but they are few in Number; and airy and large as they are made, I am inclined to think a long detention in them would be injurious to health, but this point, as well as the expence of erection, would be best ascertained by reference to the military records. I am not aware of ever having seen this kind of punishment resorted to towards natives under the Civil Power. -

8. I should strongly advocate the introduction of a discipline of unbroken silence both in and out of Jail, and I am aware of no objection except that of practicability, a question which should be decided by trial: for in a country where every man, be the peon, or convict, thinks himself the only proper person to direct, it is almost too much to expect to suppress the vice but no doubt it may be effected by perseverance and time; An European or Indo-Briton, would first set himself to reform the peons who are his assistants and then, by the help of example and the terror of summary punishment, within a limit, and eventually of solitary confinement, the system might be introduced without much difficulty; and to effect this object I consider an European Jailor would be almost indispensible; besides which I think there are other reasons in favor of the selection of an European or Indo-Briton for the office, to be found in his habits of life and activity - his more ready adoption of european practises, and as a great check on injurious treatment, or unjust partiality towards Convicts, from which he will be materially deterred, by all his inferiors being of a different nation, and ready, at once, to bring him to disgrace, if he exposes himself to the possibility. If the principal Superintendent were aided also by a few others of the same nation as himself, on half or one third, of his pay, the

benefit would be much greater.-

9 Where the introduction of the Catholic religion into jails is forbidden, and I humbly conceive most properly forbidden, I am at a loss to see how any moral lessons can be conveyed to the convicts - for though infinite morality may be extracted from the tenets of the Hindoo religion, it would be highly in-consistent with the Xtian character to recommend to their attentions the Shasters and Puranas for the sake of the Good which they may possess. From the ordinary immoralities of a Hindoo, such as drunkenness, low abuse, and quarreling, the convict is preserved by labor, during the day, under the eye of his guard; and by weariness, and early rest, when consigned to the jail for the night.-

10. A cultivator of his own land will eat, where rice is his usual food, three meals, to about the weight of 150 Rupees - and this may be considered as a full quantity for hard labour. The hired cultivator, and the Cooly carrying loads from place to place, will be content with two meals of about 120 Rupees weight - whilst the allodial slave must be satisfied with even somewhat less.- But one half of the cultivators of this district live on the produce of lands that are not irrigated, such as Varagoo - Ragy - Cholum - and Comboo - the first principally, and of this three full meals a day will equal 172 Rupees in weight.-

11. It is difficult to say with any tolerable precision how far disgrace attaches to different classes from confinement, pending enquiry, and after conviction - so numerous are the different classes and so carried may by the sentiments of each family, and Individual of each class; I will, therefore, briefly observe that when

punishment

punishment does not follow the confinement, the disgrace is only momentarily felt. If a Nattoo cottay Chitty (a community of very wealthy & and economical bankers) be punished by the Court, exclusion from his caste would inevitably follow, and none of his former associates would thenceforward have any pecuniary or other dealings with him. Bramins and Sudras exposed to similar punishment would soon escape remembrance of their disgrace, tho' even amongst them there would in many cases be objections to entering into marriage connexions with Individuals who had suffered such punishment. I fear it is often looked on with apathy, as being their _fate_ to suffer deservedly or as being their fate to suffer thro' the nature of British Jurisprudence, and the venality of the witnesses against them. Amongst the lower and more numerous castes such as Kullers, Pullars, Marawas and Pariahs, imprisonment can hardly be considered as carrying any disgrace at all.

Madura
24th March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Department of the
Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st Instant, Received 24th, I have the honor to furnish a Memorandum of Quotations alluded to, of Accounts Particular and other Vouchers made in the Journals of this office from May last.

The Journals Page from last November should be numbered from 95 to 151, upto February last.

Madura
25th March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne

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To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 24th Instant, received yesterday, I have the honor to state that the delay in forwarding the Vouchers of the personal allowances of the Civil Engineers has been occasioned by their not being furnished according to the Form, furnished from your Office, and which have therefore been returned for Correction: as soon as received they shall be transmitted.-

Madura 28th March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Triplicate

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 12 Privates, Marched from Ramnad for Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st Feb. 1836 in Charge of Treasure arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the next day.-

Madura 28th March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
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Madura 28th March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Colltr.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

Madura 28th March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Colltr.

To Lieutenant J. Best late Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Sir, Cottacamund

I have the honor to forward Copy of another Letter from the Deputy Accountant General dated the 24th

9 Instant and request you will be so good as to furnish me with the Vouchers therein alluded to as Early as possible.

Madura
28th March 1836

Signed / J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 21st January I have the honor to forward Copy of an address and its inclosure from the Tahsildar of Thiroomungalum.

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The dotted lines on the west side of the plan shew the space entered in the Acbogoo Accounts of both the villages of Soondrapandyen and Vellaputt, and you will observe how small are the two patches of land cultivated by the latter in proportion to the rest which is left waste.

It is admitted these two patches pay the tax to the Tinnevelly Authorities, and it is needless to set up a claim on behalf of the Madura Collectorate, but granting this will induce further cultivation by the people of Tinnevelly which will naturally be opposed by the Madura people, for here the Tinnevelly Inhabitants cannot support their claim by present, or former actual possession. I would therefore suggest the part in dispute now Cultivated should be at once given up to Tinnevelly, and that the remainder of the waste be equally divided between the two villages, and boundary stones put down by emissaries from the Tahsildars of Nadoomundalum and Thiroomungalum in conjunction.

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If you approve, and will favor me with Copy of your order to the Nadoomundalum Tahsildar I will endeavor to act in conformity.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
28th March 1836

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

1st With reference to my address of the 11th Instant, on the subject of draft of a Regulation for realizing the Revenue in Ryotwary Settlements, I beg leave to bring to your notice a construction put on the Regulations in force regarding the power of distraint.-

2- It is considered here that the house of a defaulter is so far liable to the process that the doors and thatch may be sold without reference to your Board, and I found the practice prevailing when I took charge of the district.- I have some doubts as to the legality of the process, but I feel very confident that its injustice is glaring - it is in practise a wanton injury to the defaulter and conserve no other purpose than revenge, for the Articles, thus sold, scarcely cover the expense of sale, whereas the loss to the defaulter is very severe.-

3- If your Board consider the practice legal, it might be worthy of your consideration to disallow it when framing a new Regulation:- If you deem the practice an illegal abuse, it will be sufficient to notify it to me, and to any other district where the same abuse may happen to prevail:- but I would also venture to press on your consideration the propriety of allowing the sale of houses by Collectors in the same way as personal property, without reference to your Board, for tho' it is in fact a species of real property, yet from its extremely trifling value it cannot, in any way be assimilated to the real property in hous

as the term is understood in European countries, and the law might hereafter be modified when the state of the country makes it requisite.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
28th March 1836

To The Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Tinnevelly

Sir,

1. In returning you the accompanying Occasional estimate I beg to offer the subjoined brief remarks on it and on your Diary of the 15th Instant.

2. Mr. Hogg's estimate for the Covilputtoo Bungalow &ca. having been sanctioned (communicated through the Board) by Government, it is not worth while to trouble them again with the small additions and Modifications proposed by you.

3. The bridge of one arch across the tail of the tank in the limits of Covilputtoo, seems very desirable from the great inconvenience to all and the danger to laden cotton bandies. The Corayar is sometimes impassable for four hours to the Tappal runners, and one or two days together for laden bandies; and till the recent erection of the Chettrom at that place, there was no where for the native traveller to halt.

4. Mr. Hogg has falsely assumed that the surplus waters from the Perea Cummoy of Valanad, run waste into the country of His Excellency the Rajah Tondaman. They are highly serviceable to H. E. who is an old and tried friend of the British Government and it would not be advisable to injure him in this point.

5. The two sluices in the limits of Pallavongy, and the Bridge over the Vellaur, appear to me highly expedient, and had the sanction for the latter, alluded to by you, been given

without reference to pauper Work it should have been immediately acted upon.-

6. Your suggestions regarding the bridge over the Paular have been ordered to be carried into immediate effect, Had I been aware of its state I should not have hesitated at once to have directed its being protected.-

7. Taking into consideration the infrequency of European travellers, and the objections of Government to be troubled with expences that are be dispensed with, I am of opinion that the present Verandah on the East and West sides of the Cottamputty Bungalow are sufficient for the purpose- I was obliged to raise them at my own expence.- A Soldiers shed here is a desideratum that has often come under my considera=-tion, and I cannot find out why this is the only stage on the road from Trichinopoly to Palamcottah without one.-

8. Mr. Hogg's estimate for the Vandyoor bridge has been sanctioned and communicated to me, through Mr. Best- I immediately had the work commenced upon when it was found the North East abutment had given way to the very base and Mr. Hogg, whom I took to see it, promised to make another increased estimate, which, if not received by the time the fallen materials are cleared away, I shall proceed on one made by the Superintendent Maistry.-

9.- With reference to the many animadversions on including occasional amongst ordinary estimates I do not deem the New Calingalah on the Vandyoor tank of sufficient emergent importance to warrant my risking reproof, if a diffe-rent view should be taken of the facts by the Authorities at the Presidency from that taken by us in the provinces.-

10. Enquiry is now pending on the subject of the Arrashaputty dam, in the limits of Shettypooliarnuttom,

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but I anticipate the result will be entire conviction of the necessity of your recommendation.—

Madura
29th March 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 58 Exchange for Madras Rupees 3 "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Raja, District Moonsiff of Parmagoody in Madura, the sum of Madras Rupees Three, being the amount in advance, on account of Subscription to the Fort Saint George Gazette, for the ensuing quarter, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from—

Madura
29th March 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Raja, District Moonsiff of Parmagoody in Madura, the sum of Madras Rupees (3) Three on account of Subscription to the Fort Saint George Gazette for the Ensuing quarter.—

Madura
29th March 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

No. 59 Exchange for Madras Rupees 3 "

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collectors Cutcherry of Madura, the sum of Madras Rupees Three, being the amount, in advance on account of Subscription, to the Fort Saint George Gazette, for the Ensuing quarter, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this

my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from -

Madura
29th March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from Annajerow, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutcherry of Madura, the Sum of Madras Rupees (3) Three on account of Subscription to the Fort Saint George Gezette, for the Ensuing Quarter.

Madura
29th March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The Secretary to the Committee for the revisions of Customs and Post office Departments of India
Calcutta

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 12th Instant, received yesterday, I have the honor to forward a Memorandum, shewing the Amount of Drawback paid from fusly 1240, to 1245, on Land Custom duties alone. No drawback has been paid, during that period, on Sea Import duties Goods re-exported. -

Madura
29th March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To Lieutenant S. Best
late Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will inform me if the Road estimate forwarded with my letter of the 5th December last, has been recommended for Sanction. In the event of its not having been forwarded to the Inspector General, or made over to the Officer by when you have been relieved, I shall be greatly obliged by your returning it to me that I may get it forwarded to the Presidency without delay. -

Madura
29th March 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To Lieutenant S. Best

late Acting Civil Engineer 4th. Division

Sir,

Ootacamund

I have the honor to return the 2 Bills which accompanied your letter of the 23d. instant, as you will perceive by the Circular letter from the Deputy Accountant General of the 8th. February, Copy of which was furnished to you, that your half Salary as Assistant Civil Engineer in the 3d. Division should be debited to the Collector of Trichinopoly, and the remaining Amount charged to this Collectorate, I request you will have the goodness to furnish me with separate Bills, the former to be forwarded to the Collector of Trichinopoly and the latter to the Accountant General.

Madura
29th. March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To

The Secretary to Government

in the Public Department

Sir,

Fort St. George

With reference to the Notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette, dated 25th. August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Rupees 6, paid by the Individuals noted in the Margin, in advance, on Account of Subscriptions to the Fort Saint George Gazette for the Ensuing Quarter.

Padoomucho Ramasawmy Raja District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura Rupees	3
Annajeerow, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collector's Cutchery at Madura Rupees	3
Rupees	6

Madura
29th. March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To

The Post Master General

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good

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as to cause all letters to my address, to be forwarded to me at Kottampatty for the present, as my duty is likely to keep me in the vicinity of that post office for the next Month.—

Madura
30th March 1836. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To
The judge of Madura

Sir,

With reference to the 2 addresses forwarded with your letter of the 19th February last, in No. 368 and 390 of 1835 on the Terparagoondum District Moonsiff's file, I have the
D honor to inform you that the parties have not yet made their appearance, to take Copies of the documents required by them.—

Madura
30th March 1836. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To
The judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copy of the document required in A.S. No. 41 of 1835, as required by your letter
D of the 26th instant, received late on the 28th, in the one stampt paper furnished by you.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Madura Principal Collr.
30th March 1836.

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

1. In obedience to your orders of the 11th January I have the honor to submit Statement A, shewing the annual revenue of Shevagungah from fusly 1211 to 14 inclusive, as furnished by the Zemindar, but to check which are no accounts in my
D office, except those of fuslies 1225 26 and 27 brought forward by the late Zemindar, on occasion of a subdivision of the estate,

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and of fuslies 1240 and 41, whilst under sequestration by the late Principal Collector, for arrears.-

2. I am sorry to be obliged to report that I entertain great doubts of the accuracy of this statement and more particularly of that part shewing the demand for Muturpha in the former fuslies from 1211 to 14 after which it seems to have been entirely discontinued with exception of an annual Collection of Rupees 162-9-7 continued through ignorance and error, proved by the accounts to have been made during the two years of sequestration; and inferred to have been practised before and continued subsequently - My suspicions of inaccuracy, caused by the Moturpha Remission now claimed by the Zemindar, so far exceeding the amount recommended to be granted him by Mr. Viveash, in his clear exposition of the facts on the 9th May 1832, are confirmed by inspection of the Cadjan village Accounts sent for to compare them with the Zemindar's abstract.- The Result of the Collection will appear in statement No. 1; whilst No. 2, shewing the Comparative demand during the four years in which the tax was collected, differing so exceedingly little either in Items or amount of so variable a tax, argues either the extreme carelessness with which the tax was collected, or the subsequent falsification or substitution of the accounts; and the few variations that are found, seem made with a wilful intent at fraud in a vain expectation that they would testify to their accuracy:- The Cadjan Accounts exhibit a great Number of erasures and alterations, which appear to have been made at no recent date. they are also very irregularly drawn out; and as none are complete for a single year, I am led to believe the abstracts must have been prepared by the sumprities from Memory.- another strong doubt

arises in the consideration that the Shevagunga assets being assumed at 2/5th of those of Ramnad, it is hardly probable the Moturpha Collections of the former in fusly 1211, could have equaled Rupees 2,892, when those of Ramnad did not exceed Rupees 1074; the Ramnad division still retaining the Principal towns; and if they really did attain that amount, it remains only to imagine that, careless of the rules of justice and policy the ignorant rulers of Shevagunga ordered and inforced the Collection from presumption and grasping avarice.

3.- In the 9th para of his letter of the 9th May 1832, Mr Viveash grounded his judgement on the Medium between the Palaputtaday or Moturpha, of Shevagunga for 1211, as shewn in the statement forwarded by Mr Lushington with his letter to the special commissioners of the 30th September 1802, and the Result of the accounts in our possession, and the amount of 2/3d of the Ramnad Moturpha.

Mr Lushington, in the above account, has the Palaputtaday tax at Chuckrums 4766. (Rupees 5792 - as. 3.) but the Sumprethy sent to me by the Zemindar insists that under the above head, in the accounts of Mr Lushington, are only entered six out of the 15 Items shown in Abstract No. 2, now forwarded Vizt. Coodywaree including Palaputtaday, Nagara chittywaree, Vellekodaywaree, Keethauree varee, Puller varee, (of the Dhurmasanom villages alone) and Iroom bookutty varee, and he increases their amount to Chut. 5251- 11- 14, being chuck 485-1-4 more than should have been the amount assumed under that head by Mr Lushington- and he adds that all the other items, now claimed by the Zemindar, as prohibited Moturpha taxes, were included in the ready Money Collections.

4.- In the present state of enquiry, and with no further light than I have been able to call your Board's attention to, I cannot but acquiesce most fully in Mr Viveash's recommendation that the annual amount of Rupees 3361- 5- 6. should be henceforward remitted to the Zemindar, and that he should be paid by Government a

principal

Principal of Rupees 115840-5-" in arrears from the date of his being prohibited to levy this tax, vizt. since Fusly 1215.-

But, if your Board are of opinion there would be room for the Zemindar to be dissatisfied with this adjudication, seeing it is so far below his expectations and demand, I would beg permission to be allowed to defer my attention to the subject till October, when the Zemindar assembles his curnums for the settlements, when I would take the opportunity with the aid of my Sheresta-dar, to make a careful investigation of the Moturpha accounts of Fusly 1211 or 12- and endeavor to elicit the truth, and report the result.-

5.- The General demand account is liable to the same suspicion with that of the Moturpha, with exception of the last five years from Fusly 1240 to 44; in the first two of which the accounts were prepared by the Government Servants in a regular form, in Hindoowee during the sequesteration; and the practise has been continued during the subsequent three years by the Zemindar.-

6. The demand for the last five years has been.

Fusly 1240	363609-11-3.
41	298610-10-9
42	418812-14-3.
43	492909-2-3.
44	297080-10-9
	1871023-1-3.
Average	374204-9-10.
Deduct amount Peshcush	262500-"-"
Balance left to meet charges of collection, maintenance of Zemindar &c	111704-9-10

7- The amount on which the Peshcush was fixed in 1211 was

Assumed at Rupees	439692-"-"
Deduct Peshcush	262500-"-"
Balance to meet charges of Collection and for maintenance of Zemindar	177192-"-"
Deduct balance of last 5 years average	111704-9-10

and an annual deficit to the Zemindar is shewn of 65487- 6- 2-

8. The Shevagungah revenue is derived almost entirely from irrigated land, the produce of which is received in kind, and consequently is materially affected by the rise and fall in the price of grain; and there is no doubt in my own mind that the outlay of a lac of Rupees in repairing the tanks and water-courses would at once increase the annual revenue half a lac of Rupees; and it is strongly asserted the increase would not fall short of a lac of Rupees:- it is certain, however, no attention has been paid to the Maramut the last twenty years, and I have myself witnessed how much it is called for by the people, and required, as I had the honor to report to you on the 7th Instant.-

Madura
30th March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Secretary to the
Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit a General Return according to form A shewing the Number and Quantity of Military Stores within the range of this District, as required by your letter of the 8th instant-

As this Return will not correspond with the quarterly Return ending 31st January 1835 in consequence of the present additions, I beg you will be good enough to let me know, as early as possible, if you require revised ones up to 31st October 1835 already sent, as also to enable me to prepare my return ending 31st January last.-

Madura
31st March 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 5 Lists of Pensio[ns]
paid in this District prepared in conformity to the instructio[ns]
Contained in your Circular letter No. 1386, dated 24th instant, and
received 27th.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
31st March 1836.

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly.

Sir,

I have the honor to return Lieutenant Best's Receip[t]
inclosed in your letter of the 28th Ultimo, and request you will be
so good as to procure me a revised one after the Form No. 2 indica[ted]
in the Circular letter from the Accountant General of the 9th Feby. last.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura Melur
1st April 1836.

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the
Petition No. 64 of 1835 has not been returned to me with the
Extract from your proceedings of the 24th Ultimo, this day received
the envelope to the petition bearing the Abstract and your two
endorsements has alone been returned.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
Melur
2d April 1836.

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To The Acting Civil Engineer
4th. Division
Trichindoor

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the undermentioned statement for the Actual Expenditure of works performed for the repair of Tanks and watercourses &ca. in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul for the year 1835-

No. 1 & 2 - Statement of ordinary repairs together with an Abstract exhibiting the works performed from 1st. January to 12th. July and from 13th. July to 31st. December 1835	
Rupees	14992- 6-
Account particular of batta paid to the Pensioned Sepoys stationed at the Public Bungalows on the high road	231- 14-
Statement of Extraordinary repairs	1225- 13-
Statement of works performed for repairing the high roads &ca.	1021- 3-
Account particular of work-men employed for repairing the high roads	128- 2-
Total	17599- 6-

Madura
Mellore
2d. April 1836-

(Signed) J. Blackburn
Pl. Collector

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1- The holder of Yeomiah, No. 66, is Meer Mahomed who enjoys by virtue of Government Sanction of 30th. July 1830.-

Collector to Board
[illegible] November 1829-
Board to Collector
[illegible] December 1829-
Collector to Board
[illegible] July 1830.
Board to Chief Secrety.
15th. July 1830.
Chief Secrety. to Board
[illegible] July 1830-

2- Ahmed Ali claims the whole yeomiah as grand son of the original grantee, and as successor to his

stating that the deceased father of the present incumbent was not the lawful holder, but an agent of his own.-

3. Meer Ahmed Ibrahim claims participation, to the extent of ½ Cully fanam of this yeomiah, as grandson of Hussain Sahib (daughter of the elder brother of the original grantee), who enjoyed to that extent under an order of Mr. Collector Parish, of the 20th June 1804, till her death on the 17th April 1810; when claimant continued to receive it without interruption till 1825; when he petitioned and obtained confirmation of his right from Mr. Collector Peter, under date 10th January 1826.- agreeably to which he was left in undisturbed possession till Mr. Viveash's prohibition in July 1829.-

4. Peer Mahomed Ali claims participation to the extent of ½ Cully fanam of the yeomiah, as grandson of Meeram Beebee (sister to the late Incumbent, Meer Fikr-uddin), who appears to have participated unopposed ~~ever~~ since Mr. Hurdis's time; till she was obliged to support her claim by filing a suit in the Zillah Court, which was decided, on the 19th September 1815, by the Razeenamah of Meer Fikr-uddin consenting to pay her the ½ Cully fanam of the yeomiah agreeably to her claim; and which she continued to enjoy till her death on the 24th March 1824; from which period present claimant enjoyed it unopposed till July 1829 the period of Mr. Viveash's prohibition.-

5. The inclosed Memorandum I have had considerable difficulty in drawing up from the confused and imperfect state of the early records; and but I thought it might be necessary for your Board's satisfaction, and to enable you to come to a prompt decision, I should have assumed the sanction of the 30th July 1830, as a decision against Ahmed Ali; and have merely troubled you with the circumstances in

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in favor of the two claimants to participation.-

6. I take the liberty of offering my own opinion that the claim of Ahmed Ali should be rejected on the grounds of the long public recognition of the exclusive claim of the late incumbent in his own right.-

7. I would also recommend rejection of the claims to participation by Meer Ahmed Ibrahim and Peer Mahmed Ali for though there is no doubt they have enjoyed participation from the decease of their respective grand Mothers, till July, 1829, it is equally clear their right was never recognized by Government, who have undoubted right to assume Yeomiahs at their pleasure. Originally this yeomiah seems to have been considered one of charity but is now recognized as one for Service, and if a Service Yeomiah be suffered to be sub divided ad infinitum how is the Service to be enforced? If it be deemed the yeomiah is too great for the service required, it would seem more desirable to reduce it to what is deemed requisite for the service and either resume the difference or give it as seperate Charity Yeomiahs to the two last claimants.

Madura }
Melur }
2d April 1836. }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

P.S. I have since learned that the two claimants to participation must not be looked upon as objects of Charity as they hold already respectively ½ and 1 Cally fanam each in Yeomiahs No. 87 and 92.-

Memorandum of Yeomiah No. 66.

In the Marattah list prepared in fusly 1210, and transmitted to the Nawab Amdut ab Omrah, by Varadoo Pundit, Mustadar of Madura, it is shewn that Yeomeah 66, originally granted

to Jehangeershah, was continued to his grand son, Ahmed Ali, for praying or Charity -

In the English list forwarded to the Board of Revenue by Mr. Hurdis in January 1802, the name of JehanGeershah alone appears, but the correspondent Marattah list has the entry similar to the one of Varadoopundit -

In the Yeomiah list, as they had existed from 13th July 1801 to 29th February 1804, transmitted to the Board by Mr. Parish on the 4th July 1804, and which, on the 17th August received sanction, as communicated on the 8th September of the same year Ahamedully (Ahmedali) again appears the incumbent of No. 66, as grand son of the original grantee, Sungadooshaw (Jehangeershah) -

On the 9th November 1804, Mr. Parish submitted statements 1 & 2 of Yeomeahdars, in the second of which is the following entry -

"No. 66 - Ahamedully present Incumbent Remarks - "Produced no document in support of his claim to the yeomiah "but avows that it is a gift bestowed upon his ancestor (by "the Gentoo Government since 150 years" -

And in the 3rd para of his letter, Mr. Parish requested permission to continue to pay all included in statement No. 2 "during their life" as appearing "worthy objects of charity both from age and Infirmity" -

In the extract from the statement of Charges submitted to, and sanctioned by Government under date 30th December 1804, forwarded with the Board's letter of 22d January 1805, the recommen-dation regarding statements 2, in letter of 9th November, is distinctly repeated by the Board and acceded to by Government -

The returns for December 1804, January and February 1805 are drawn up in two heads; the first having been paid under the

sanction

Sanction of "List sent to the Board under date 20th Feby 180
and the last paid "as per order of the Board of 31st July 1804"-
and No. 66- does not appear in either head.-

In the Marattah return for February, the Name of
Meer Fikr-uddin is entered as a man 70 years of age, and brother
to the original grantee, Jehangeer Shah:- and in the Marattah
return for March, the entry is similar but an interlineal
remark (which has no determined appearance of heaving
been inserted at a subsequent period) shews that he had
produced the Copy of a Purwanah, which has been since
preserved in the office; and which seems to have been recogniz
as genuine, though without any forthcoming enquiry into its
authenticity.-

The Returns for March and April are drawn out
consecutively from No. 1 to No. 108, with entire omission,
however, of Nos. 5- 8- 13- 14- 44- 48- 49- 52- 55- 56- 64- 88- 106-
and 107:- and in the Return, "as sanctioned under date 30th
"December 1804"- No. 66 has Jungadashaw (Jehangeer Shah)
original grantee and Meer Fikerdeen (Meer Fikr uddeen)
present claimant as "Brother" of the original grantee.-

The return for May tallies entirely with the last,
but that an 109th Yeomiah is added; and thence forward
the Name of Ahmed Ali no more appears, whilst that of
Meer Fakerdeen (Meer Fikr uddin) continues uninterrup-
-tedly till August 1829-

On the claims of Meer Ahmed Ibrahim and Peer
Muhamed Ali that they had been participators in the Yeomia
with the free consent of the registered Yeomiahdar, Meer
Fikr-uddin, from fusly 1215, to 1234 and 1235, Respectively,
when he (Meer Fikr uddin) had unjustly with held from
them their right, Mr. Collector Peter passed orders to the Cash
-keeper under dates 22d July 1824, and 10th January 1826, to give
them each ½ cully fanam per diem out of the Yeomiah:-
which

which was accordingly done till July 1829, a Month preceding the decease of Meer Fikruddin, when Mr. Collector Viveash ruled that Mr. Peter's appropriation had been unauthorized, and directed that yeomiah should be paid entirely to him only in whose name was the Registry.—

On the 21st. September 1829, Meer Muhammed Ali Reported the death of his father, Meer Fikruddin, on the 27th of the preceding month, and prayed that the Yeomiah No. 66, originally granted to his ancestor, Jehanguir Shah, should be renewed in his name for offering up prayers in the Mosque at Sholavundan.— In obedience to Mr. Peter's Orders for enquiry, the Tahsildar reported on the 12th. October, that the petitioner was in reality heir to the deceased but that he had also left fifteen other connexions and dependents upon him.—

On the 17th. November 1829, the Collector recommended the renewal of the yeomiah in the Names of Meer Mahommed (Meer Muhammedali) and Suthangathally, Sons of the deceased, Meer Fuckeradeen (Meer Fikruddin) for maintenance, and performing the Services of the mokam of Sholavandan, and forwarded translate of the original Copy of the Purwanah:— and on the 5th. July 1830, he explained an apparent contradiction between his translated Parwanah, and his recommendation by shewing that the Mokām was the burial place of a celebrated Fakir, and there being no Mosque at Sholavundan it was used as a place of prayer, and was expected to be kept Clean and in repair and lighted at night by the Yeomiahdar. And on the Board's recommendation of the 15th. July 1830, the Government on the 30th. of the same month, sanctioned the continuance of the Yeomiah of 2 Cully fanams per diem, enjoyed by the "late Fakuroodeen (Meer Fikruddin) to his eldest son—

"Meer Mahomed (Meer Meshammed Ali")-

Mr. Viveash's Indorsements of the 19th January and 15th February 1831, on petitions presented by Ahmed Ali, refuse to recognize his claim to the Yeomiah.—

On the 6th January 1835, he similarly petitioned me through his Vakeel, Seed Sherrufuddin, the contents of which were briefly that the original grantee of the Yeomiah was Jehangeer Shah who was succeeded by his son, Meer Meshammed Taulbelom, as far as 1 Cully fanam per diem, whilst his sisters, Hussain Saib and Meerambeebee, enjoyed each ½ cully fanam per diem; After Meer Meshammed Taulbelom's death his son, Ahmed Ali (Petitioner's client) succeeded to his portion of the Yeomiah, but having a Mosque at Trichinopoly he proceeded there, leaving Meer Fikr-uddin, as his agent, to give his clients their share, and reserving 5 cully fanams a month for his own trouble, to send the remainder to him at Trichinopoly—

This petition I referred to a Native Committee, who elicited in their examination by reference to the Copy of the Purwanah, registered in the Zillah Court, that the original grant had been for maintenance, and not for the support of a mosque;— that Mr. Parish had passed a decision, on the 20th June 1804, awarding Hussain Sahib her share.— That on the 19th September 1815, a Rauzeenamah had been filed in the Zillah Court by Meir Fikr uddin — promising to pay Meeram Beebee her share;— that separate receipts had been given to the treasury up to July 1829;— and that on the 10 January 1826, Mr. Collector Peter confirmed to Meer Ahmed Ibrahim ½ Cully fanam per diem in right of

[Left margin:] Daughter of ...aw Fikr-addin ...r Brother ...original ...rantee—

of his grand Mother, Hussain Sabih, deceased.–

On the 10th June 1834 Ahmed Ali again petitioned me through the same Vakeel, to the same effect, but adding that Meer Muhammed Ali had, on his father's death, fabracated the Parwanah, pretending the Yeamiah was for the support of a Mosque at Sholavandan when such was not the case – that there is indeed a Masque at that place but that it is supported by a Yeamiah in the names of Jehangeer Bubee and Noor Bubee–

To this I returned a summary endorsement on the 22d June that from the neglect of his numerous petitions by my predecessors, from the long undisturbed enjoyment of the registered Yeamiahdar deceased, and the Government's subsequent continuation of the Yeamiah to deceased's son I looked upon his claim as untenable.–

On the 13th July 1835, Meer Ahmed Ibrahim, and Peer Muhammed Ali presented an united petition claiming recovery of the portions awarded to them by Mr. Peter, and disallowed by Mr. Viveash.–

Madura
Melur
2d April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.–

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
Melur
4th April 1836

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To The British Resident of Tanjore

Sir, Ootacamond

In reply to your letter of the 28th Ultimo I beg leave to inform you it was my wish His Highness the Rajah should have performed the repairs necessary to the Choultry of Thurpashainom by means of his own servants, and my object in sending him an estimate was as a guide to his decision if he desired the work to be done.

If however, it is His Highness' visit the repairs should be made through me, it will give me pleasure to use my best endeavors to do it in a any that may be satisfactory to him - and in this latter case it will be easy to procure me a bill from the Principal Collector of Tanjore on paying the amount into his treasury. -

Madura
Melur
4th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, together with Copy of an address from the Tahsildar of Nadoomundalom; in reply I beg to state that the Numbeepoorum &c Villages have been restored to their owner agreeably to the orders of the Board of Revenue. - it will therefore remain for you to collect the Cattoogoottagay hence forward from Lutchmanauchaury, the agent, duly appointed for the Management of the Charity. -

Madura
Mellore
4th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Two or 3 days ago I addressed you saying I had received the envilope of a petition without the petition itself. It is a mistake that originated in having only one writer on Circuit with me, and he being but a careless one. I beg leave to apolizize for the trouble I may have given you unless this letter reaches you as soon as the one in question.—

Madura
Melur 4th. April 1836 }

Signed / J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish, as per Tamil list, Copies of the documents required in Pauper O.S. No. 32 of 1834, as requested in your letter of the 26th. ultimo recd. 28th.

Madura
Melur
5th. April 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The Secretary Clothing Board

Sir,

Please to order the delivery of the undermentioned Cloth to the bearer.—

Discription	Quality	Quantity Indent=ed for	Prize	Total			Remarks—
			Rs. as. P.	Rs.	as.	P.	
Emerald Green Cloth --- }	Ordinary	30 yards	@ 3–11 Per yard }	110	10	"	The last Supply for 40 yards in 1832 is Expended. When the supplies can only be applied for once in 4 years it is necessary to be rather above than below the estimate required. Ten tables are required for the Native writers alone.—
Madura Melur 5th. April 1836. }			Signed /	J Blackburne Pl. Collr.			

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To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no referred Petitions have been disposed of by me in last Month, none remaining to be disposed of.

Madura
Melur
5th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

This day I have had the honor to receive the Instructions forwarded with the Extract from your proceedings of the 14th January, to submit for the Information of the Law Commissioners, the Number of Individuals who may have been confined, and the Instances in which estates, or lands, of Zemindars, or others, may have been attached, under the provisions of Regulation II of 1819, of the Madras Code; and have much satisfaction in reporting that no case has arisen since the enactment of the Regulation for putting in force its provisions in this District.

Madura
Melur
6th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Coll.

No. 60. Exchange for Madras Rupees — — 2000

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqr., Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Madras Rupees two Thousand to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this My first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from

(Signed) J Blackburne

Madura Melur [illegible] April 1836 [illegible]

To the Collector of
Rajamundry

Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose 2 Bills of T. W. Goodwyn Esqre., Register to the Zillah Court of your District for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his Salary, and house rent, for March 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and credit, on his Account to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

Salary for March 1836	525	"	"
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6¼ per cent	32	13	"
	492	3	"
House rent for Do.	35	"	"
M. Rupees	527	3	"

Madura
Melur
7th April 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

The Honorable Company — — — Dr.

To my Salary as Register to the Zillah Court at Raujahmundry for the Month of March 1836 — — — 525 " "
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6¼ per cent — — — 32 13 "
Balance — 492 3 "

Madura 1st April 1836.

Received this 6th day of April 1836 from the Honorable Company thro the Principal Collector of Madura the above mentioned Sum of Madras Rupees Four hundred and Ninety two and Annas three.

Madras Rupees 492 3 "

(signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Regr.

The Honorable Company — — — Dr.

To my house rent as Register to the Zillah Court at Rajahmundry for the Month of March 1836 — 35 " "

Madura 1st April 1836

Received this 6th day of April 1836 from the Honorable Company thro the Principal Collector of Madura the above mentioned Sum of Madras Rupees Thirty five.

Madras Rupees 35 " "

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Regr.

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To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

In the list of Pagoda and Mosque allowances, No. 4, transmitted with my letter of the 31st ultimo, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to enter opposite to Soondradoss, under the head of Chuttroms &c., the date of Sanction, Vizt. 20th April 1835.

Madura
Melur
7th April 1836.

Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To S. Best Esqre.
late Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Abstracts and Bills of your department, from July 18[..] to January last, forwarded with your letter of the 31st Ult., received 5th Instant, are prepared according to the required new Form.—

Of the accompanying two Bills, that for Assistant Revenue Surveyor Martin was received from the Collector of Tinnevelly for Adjustment: the Bill is for Rupees 120-1-4- whilst the Abstract, according to the New form forwarded by you, for the same month, shews Rupees 127-9-4- and therefore requires Explanation.

The other Bill for the allowances of Assistant Revenue Surveyor Hogg for Rupees 162-9-4- is returned for the purpose of being prepared according to the New Form- both which I request you will be good enough to return at your Earliest convenience.—

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the

the 23rd February last, requesting you to furnish Vouchers, as requested in the Accountant General's letter of the 11th of the same month, Copy of which was furnished to you.—

Madura }
Melur }
8th April 1836. }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Abstracts and Bills, on account of Pay and allowances of the Civil Engineers, as per list Accompanying, as required by your letters of the 11th and 29th February last.—

Melur }
Madura }
8th April 1836. }

Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Abstracts for Pay and allowances of the Establishment of the Civil Engineers department, from July to December 1835, as per list Accompanying, as directed by the Accountant General under date 11th February last.—

Madura }
Melur }
8th April 1836. }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

In obedience to the Chief Secretary's Circular of the 3rd and Extract from the Proceedings of your Board,

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Recd. 26th Feb. dated 28th December last, I have the honor to transmit the Quarterly Return, Shewing the places, and Talooks, at which I, and my Subordinates, have been residing during the last Quarter, Ending 31st March.-

Melur
Madura
8th April 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Account Particular of my Accounts under the head of "Repairs of Tanks and Water Courses" for Charges incurred for repairing high roads, from May 1835 to February 1836, as required by your letter of the 26th Ultimo- The mode of entering these Charges, as directed, will be attended to in future- No construction of new roads has taken place since my last.-

Received 29th

Madura
Melur
8th April 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Post Master General
Madras.

Sir,

1. In conformity to the Instructions contained in your Circular of the 19th February, directing Security to be taken from the Post Office writers, and letter delivering peons, I have the honor to forward you Six duplicate Security bonds; and a Statement shewing the pay of the Post Office Servants and the Monthly receipts taken on a Six Months average.-

2- But for the System that prevails of Keeping a running monthly Account with European Gentlemen for their postage, I should not have deemed it necessary to have taken any Security from letter peons- I have fixed the security taken from Post Office

Office writers, with reference to the same cause, and to their average Collections - for I deem it quite superfluous to take into Consideration the possible amount of valuable inclosures of letters as for the loss of any such Government are not responsible.-

Madura
Melur
8th. April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir,

I have, this minute, been favored with your letter of the 5th. Instant, in answer to my Tamil Memorandum of the 15th. ultimo.-

A reference to that memorandum will shew you I have not reversed your decision, reducing the Gomastah Gopaul Kistna Row, but only staying execution of it till I saw at full the grounds on which you had passed it, as I was fairly I think led to doubt their propriety when the last mentioned reason was to effect "that grounds of suspicion attached to him notwithstanding my reversal of your decision of a fine against him for doing that which he had been expressly ordered to do"

When you do me the favor of sending me the documents requested in my Tamil Memorandum of the 15th. ultimo, I shall be happy in taking your present communication into my consideration.-

May I request you will at the same time inform me of the degree of his relationship to my head Sherestadar, and also the date of his first employment in this district and subsequent grades of promotion.-

May I request you will also be so good as to inform me of any other of my acts that you suppose have been influenced by my Sherestadar, contrary to the merits of the cases, that I may review them and correct any injury of which I have been unconsciously guilty.-

Melur April 8th
1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

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To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant, forwarding Original Vouchers for Mr. C. J. Kaye's allowances for January 1836.-

Madura
Melur
11th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Principal Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,

I beg leave to return you, with many thanks, the Original Ayacut Accounts of the Villages of Hooroongaloor &ca. in Keelanelly talook of Poodoocottah:- but I have found it necessary to take an extract from them, as I fear to detain the Originals till His Excellency the Tondamaun Raujah may communicate his acquiesence to an adjustment of the disputed boundary which I had hoped would have taken place during this Month.-

Madura
Melur
12th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The British Resident
Tanjore

Sir,

Not having yet been favored with any answer to my proposition to meet any of the Servants of His Excellency the Raujah Tondaman at Hooroongaloor, on the 25th. Instant for the purpose of setling the disputed boundary, I must now beg leave to decline being bound by my offer, and will postpone it till some more convenient time.-

The value of the land in dispute is nowhere specified, but at present affords no tax, as I am given to understand; and as His Excellency's object (right or wrong) is entirely gained by my temporary prohibition to the Inhabitants of Shevagungah, to proceed in their labor

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an apology for departing from my own proposition seems scarcely necessary- I beg you to believe, however, that had His Excellency's acquiescence been communicated to me no personal inconvenience should have induced me to recede - as it is I cannot allow the suspense I am thus kept in to interfere with arrangements for performing my duty in concert with the Acting Civil Engineer on the North West boundary, as that Gentleman's time is probably as precious as that of His Excellency's servants.

Madura
Melur
12th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To the Secretary to the Civil Fund
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the 2d para of your letter of the 13th February last I beg leave to offer my protest against the assumption by the Trustees and Subscribers to the Civil Fund, assembled on the 19th December 1835, that the rules for providing annuities to the widows of deceased Subscribers, without reference to their income from other sources, circulated to the Service under date the 1st March 1830, have been legally carried, in-asmuch as the spirit of the conditions under which the question was proposed has not been kept; for it is highly probable that many Subscribers, relying in the report of the trustees, and safely confiding that the Government, to whom the anticipated conditional acquiescence of the subscribers was to be submitted, would take care to prevent any injury to their real interests, and the safety of the Fund, gave their votes without a deliberate consideration of so moment-ous a question; whilst others, perhaps, relying that a veto would be put on the proposition by Government, neglected to record their own votes.

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Thus then the proposition appears to me not to have been carried, but only to have been conditionally carried; and to make it legal the question ought to be again submitted to the

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Subscribers at large.—

2. I beg leave to protest against the legality of interfering with the fundamental principles of the Fund in changing a Charity to indigent widows, to an annuity to all widows and protest against the measure as entirely uncalled for, and as highly probable to be hereafter injurious and ruinous to the Charity branch as it at present exists.—

3. Having fulfilled what I deem a duty both to the East India Company, and the subscribers at large in the above protest, I beg leave distinctly to state my readiness to become a party to the provisions, if they are put in force, because I am led to believe that I, with all my seniors on the list, shall partake of the benefits, here held out, before the funds are seriously injured, and I reserve to myself the right of voting on any modification that may possibly be offered by which these rules may be rendered nugatory.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Subscribers to Civil Fund

Madura
Melur
12th April 1836

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
Melur
13th April 1836

To The Acting Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the Retrenchment Mode

against Mr. W. E. Lockhart, Sub Collector of this District, has been deducted from his Salary for March 1836, and credited in my Accounts for the present Month.

Madura
Melur
13th. April 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

As you do not appear to be furnished with instructions from the Accountant General as to the mode of preparing the new forms of Bills for the Civil Engineer's Establishment, I have the honor to annex Extract of a letter from that Officer, para 3, dated 29th. February last, and will feel obliged by your obtaining from Lieutenant Best a revised Bill in lieu of the accompanying one, and return it to me duly counter-signed by yourself.

Madura
Melur
13th. April 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Extract from a letter from the Deputy Accountant General Dated 29th. February 1836.

3. No. 6, a Bill for a part of the Salary and allowances of the Civil Engineer's Department, for December last, is also returned, it being for a part of those allowances (without specification of the description thereof) which appears to have been advanced by the Collector of Tinnevelly on your Account, and is to be deducted from the amount of that Officer's regular Bill, for his full allowances for that Month.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

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To Lieutenant S. Best
late Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,
Ootacamund

I have the honor to forward Extract of a letter from the Accountant General dated 7th Instant, together with the Bill therein alluded to, and request you will be good enough to furnish me with a revised one at your Earliest Convenience. I take this opportunity of returning you the Abstract for January last, and to request you will furnish me a separate Bill for your half salary as assistant Civil Engineer in the 3d. Division to be forwarded to the Collector of Trichinopoly for adjustment, and another Bill for the other 2 items.

I return you 2 Bills that are considered in correct, to be destroyed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
Melur
13th April 1836

Extract of a letter from the Deputy Accountant General dated 7th April 1836.

1. In returning the Bill of Lieutenant Best, Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division, for part of the salary and allowances of the Civil Engineers' Department in the 4th Division, for December 1835, amounting to (Rupees 145-1-4) which accompanied your letter of the 21st ultimo, I am directed by the Accountant General to refer you to the 3d. para of my letter to your address, dated 29th February last, No. 1227 from which you will perceive that the Bills of Civil Engineers required in this Office, are for their full personal allowances,

with particulars thereof.—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Memorandum

The Sub Collector is requested, with reference to the Principal Collector's Memorandum of the 31st. December 1835, to furnish in future Quarterly Return of the accompanying form.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Coll.

Melur
Madura
14th. April 1836.

The same to Messrs. Goodwyn & Silver

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Being on circuit on receipt, this day, of your letter of the 12th. Instant, I have not my records at hand, which would, I believe, bear me out in supposing I was to await your orders for the transmission of treasure to Madras— aware, and anxious regarding the large sum in my custody, I had made inquiries amongst the merchants, and understood they expected bills to a large amount, during the Month:— my accounts are always punctually before you— there is no concealment, and I naturally supposed if you wished the money to be remitted to Madras, you would have sent instructions for— you see by what I have above stated how impossible it is for me to ascertain what may be the amount of bills you are likely to draw on the Madura treasury:— Could I but have divin'd your wishes, I should have been happy in obeying the orders of Government, in taking advantage of the escort carrying treasure from Tinnevelly the other day.—

In a few Minutes I will address the Officer

Commanding the Southern Division of the Army for a Guard sufficient to escort 5 lacs of Rupees to Madras on the 25th Instant.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
Melur
15th April 1836

To The Officer Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army
Point Calymere.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to direct a sufficient escort to be ready at the Madura treasury on the 25th Instant to take charge of five lacs of Rupees destined for Madras.-

Madura
Melur
15th April 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Principal Collector of
Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I have this day requested the officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army to provide an escort for five lacs of Rupees to be taken charge of on the 25th Current.-

Madura
Melur
15th April 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

The same to The Principal Collector of South Arcot
Cuddalore

The same to The Collector of
Trichinopoly.-

To The Superintendent of the
Government Lottery-

Sir,

Agreeably to your letters of the 12th and 14th Ultimo and 4th Instant, I have the honor to annex a Register of 50 Tickets renewed in the 2d. Class of the 58th Government Lottery

Lottery, amounting to Rupees 1250 for which sum a Bill on the Accountant General, in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank, is herewith enclosed. —

Madura
Melur
15th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Register of the 58th Government Lottery Tickets renewed in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul —

	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
Tickets renewed	2551.	25.	2561.	25	3057.	25	4553	25	3938.	25
	2552.	25	2562	25	3058.	25	4554	25	3939.	25
	2553.	25	2563	25	3059.	25	4555.	25	3940.	25
	2554	25	2564	25	3060.	25	4556.	25	3941.	25
	2555.	25	2565.	25	3061.	25	4557.	25	3942	25
	2556.	25.	3051.	25	3063.	25	4558.	25.	3943	25
	2557	25	3052	25	3064	25	4559.	25	4306.	25
	2558.	25	3053	25	3065	25	4560.	25	5207.	25.
	2559.	25	3054.	25	4551.	25	284	25		
	2560.	25.	3055	25	4552.	25	285.	25	Rupees	1250
			3056.	25			3937	25		

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

No. 61. Exchange for Madras Rupees — — — 1250.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. J Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Madras Rupees One Thousand two hundred and fifty, being the amount sales of 50 Tickets in the 2d. Class of the 58th. Government Lottery to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum to the Superintendent, and treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from —

Madura
Melur
15th. April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Acting Head Assistant Collector Madura

Sir,

1. I have just had the honor to receive your letter of the 13th expressing your wish to be entrusted with a revenue as well as a police charge, and to make your head quarters at Madura; stating your chief object to be the making yourself acquainted with revenue business, which you cannot do at Ramnad, to which place you state your great dislike on account of its extreme solitude and dreariness, and the injury your eyes sustain from the sandy nature of the Soil.— and you add that when you first expressed this wish to me on your first arrival in the District, I had expressed my expectation that in an year an Assistants residence at Ramnad would be no longer requisite.—

2. Thus, if I understand you right your objections to Ramnad are its solitude and dreariness— fear for your eyes and having no land revenue duty.—

3. There are only 3 stations in the Madura District in which Europeans reside— Viz^t. Madura— Dindigul— and Ramnad— the first is necessarily the Head Quarters of the Principal Collector. The 2d of the Sub Collector— The 3d I selected for you, as Acting Head Assistant, because it was where your presence could be most useful, and where you might always meet with the society of at least one Gentleman— the officer in Command of Detachment:— there you might also have an excellent house liberally lent by the Zemindar; and the District under your Control— contains a line of coast from the Tanjore to the Tinnevelly boundary, and so far inland that, I believe, a great part has not yet been visited by you; and where there is reason to believe you might find all ordinary Kinds of climate and change of scenes—

4. It is true you have no land revenue Charge, but I will

venture to say your own abilities would be better exercised and the Company's interests more benefitted by your diligent attention to your police and extra revenue duties:- The charge you have is exceedingly great, and I do not think you could perform them and have a single revenue talook added to it- Have you yet found they, and the police with which you are intrusted, leave you leisure for other duty?- you have officially reported to me the inefficiency of the police- has it improved since you took Charge?- has one more village Moonsiff undertaken his duties? have you been amongst the villages to instruct them? and if so what has been the result?-

5- As far as revenue and Police duties are concerned, I am satisfied you have as much on your hands as you are capable of conducting- In the two branches of salt and sayer, and on the head of police, there is infinite room for improvement- and I confess I was wrong in my expectation, that an assistants residence for one year in the Zemindary, would be sufficient- I do not think we are any nearer improvement, that when you joined, but I will, also, say I deem your presence, whilst in the Zemindary, did put a temporary check to abuses- the people and the Zemindar's servants were convinced you would attend to complaints when they were made to you- but how shall they make those complaints when you reside at Madura?- Each day of your absence from the Zemindary is a neglect of the company's Interests; but knowing your Indisposition to comparative solitude, I think I may say I have not unreasonably pressed it on you- you took charge of your Office on the 27th March 1835, since which to the present time you have spent 95 days in Madura being 1/4th out of 385 days.

6- It seems to me the company's interests are best secured by the dispersion of the European Officers throughout the province, and my own and the Sub Collector's station excepted) which were no choice of ours) you have the best in the whole district

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even you yourself do not wish to be stationed any where except at Madura, when your Services are entirely lost.—

7. It certainly has surprised me that aware of your own disinclination to perform the wearisome duties of a revenue officer, you do not prefer the execution of your own duties, as Register, where you would always be at liberty, and in execution of your duty, in staying at the principal station in the Zillah.—

8. Desirous of meeting your wishes as far as possible I shall raise no objections (tho' I may regret it) to your staying a second Month in Madura.—

Madura
Melur
15th April 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1. On the 21st Ultimo, I had the honor to receive your letter of the 3d of the same month, accompanied by Extract from a proposed draft of a regulation for Modifying the rules for Collecting the duties on Betel Tobacco &ca at Madras, and calling for my opinion how far it would be desirable to introduce it into this District.—

2d. Betel gardens in this Districts are principally irrigated from wells— and very rarely from running Streams:— During the first year they give no produce, and are supposed to be exhausted after the third year:— and it is usual to give remission for a scanty produce, or utter destruction, to which they are constantly liable, during the seasons of great heat, in the 2d and 3d years, the extent of remission depending on the greater or less scarcity of water.—

3d. The Maximum and Minumum of the tax to which betel gardens are subject in the 2d and 3d years are Rupees 42-7-2- and Rupees 33-15-" per Cawny; the Maximum being applicable to the

to the villages for 5 Miles round the Fort of Madura. The Minemum to every other garden in the district of Madura; and during the 1st year, they pay only the Nunjeh rate. Whilst in Dindigul they pay each of the 3 years at the rate of Rupees 23 – 13 – 11 per Cawny – and the cultivator is generally a man of so poor Means and so little interprize and foresight that he would be afraid to under-take the composition, lest the failure of a purchaser should expose him to certain ruin and I cannot see how it would be possible to accept the composition of any individual, other than the Cultivator, as the produce of the garden must necessarily be previously rented by him, and every change of season and variation in the supply of the Market would cause interminable disputes between the parties, and loss to the Government.–

4. I do not think this district is in a sufficiently Advanced state of prosperity and civilization to be benifitted by the desirable measure on which I now submit my Sentiments.–

Madura Melur 16th April 1836 (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collector

To: The President and Members of the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Agreably to the instructions contained in the last para of the Extracts from your proceedings under date the 17th Ultimo (received by me on the 9th instant) on the extra sources of revenue of this district, for fusly 1244, I beg leave to forward a revised Statement of the Sayer and Abkary Balances, which I trust will be a Satisfactory explanation of the dissimilarity apparent to your Board, but caused by the circumstances you anticipate.–

Madura Melur 17th April 1836. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbattore

Sir,

1. It would give me the greatest pleasure to acquiesce in your wishes, and if you repeat them I will certainly enquire into the case with that view, but when I consider the letter of the Acting Sub Collector of Coimbattore forwarded with yours of the 9th Instant, I can only learn that he wishes for an extra official interference, in a case with which you, tho' long perfectly conversant, have not thought proper to interfere.—

2. From Mr. Anstruther's letter it would appear that the Koongoor Inhabitants wish to have the new breach of water to which they have no right; and unable to procure it, by conciliation or purchase from their adversary, they hope to succeed by enlisting Mr. Anstruther's sympathies in their favor.—

3. I cannot think, from his letter, it is worth while to trouble the Sub Collector of Madura on the Subject—for if the water is of great value I should be sorry to give Koongoor people the right of a temporary possession on which to base a future ground of claim; and if it is of little value it is better collision should not be encouraged by throwing a bone of contention between the parties.—

4. Allow me once more to repeat my readiness to meet your wishes, if you think the case worthy of an Investigation, in which case I must request you will be good enough to favor me with all the documents in favor of the rights of the Koongoor Inhabitants.—

Madura
Melur
17th April 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To the Customs and Post office Committee
Calcutta

Gentlemen,

1— Your Circular of February, No. 228 of 1835/36, reached me on the 25th of that month, and I beg you will excuse the time that has elapsed in preparing my answer — it has been occasioned by my little conversance with the precise nature of the excise laws, the way in which they are found to operate and the expence of levying the excise duties: and even yet I am unable to procure books that would throw sufficient light on the subject to enable me to give an opinion which should have any weight; I will, therefore, briefly remark, that I deem the commerce of this district distributed in small portions, amongst too many hands, to make it advisable to subject it to an excise duty; — and will go on at once to state local matters of fact for your information. —

2— As far as this district is concerned, it is quite immaterial how the duties on Gunjah, Bang, and Godock are levied — the amount of the two former, in last fusly, was only Rupees 343; and for the latter nothing was collected. — Betel and Tobacco are extensive articles of consumption and Commerce; but your committee appear to be mistaken in supposing the Board of Revenue at Madras propose to substitute a Monopoly in lieu of the Town duty on Betel leaf: — their proposition seems to be the substitution of a compo=sition on the estimated produce of the gardens; and when the Board did me the honor to call for my opinion on the subject, I felt obliged to express my sentiments that, from the comparative poverty and want of enterprize of the cultivators, and from the precariousness of the product in this district, it was not yet sufficiently advanced to be able to take advan=tage of the proposed benefit. —

3.- I have already been obliged to admit my ignorance on the operation and advantages of excise, I will therefore only observe, in answer to your purposition for subjecting peice goods to that duty, that the Manufacturers of cloths in this district are equally numerous, skilful and poor, and may be said to live from hand to Mouth.-

4- If the Town duty be substituted for a General inland duty, I have no doubt the great Mass of the population will find great benefit, and their Moral Character will be imperceptibly improved, but the revenue will suffer- though the expence of Collection will also be decreased.-

Madura
Melur
17th. April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To
The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Received 15th. April

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th. Ultimo, with 8000 Printed forms of Salt Rowanahs forwarded by Cooly.-

Madura
Melur
18th. April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To
The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1. On the 13th. Instant, I had the honor to receive Extract from your Proceedings under date the 31st. ultimo accompanied by Copy of a letter of the 22d. March from the Chief Secretary on the Subject of the appropriation of the proceeds of the Village of Vellapatty to the erection and support of a Choultry on the North bank of the Vygay in the limits of Samianellore.-

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2. The Chief Secretary communicates the opinion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that since the year 1816, the proceeds never have been appropriated to the purpose of the Charity; that the date of the deed of Gift, which was, at one time, acted upon is 41 years back, at which period no power of entire alienation would have rested with the Poligar; and to recognize such a power, without better grounds would be inconsistent; and therefore required further information if such was forthcoming.—

3. When I refer to my letter to your Board of the 9th January, I find I took for granted you were aware that this land had been long previously appropriated to the purpose of Charity; and I therefore only referred to the Inam Register of 1814 to shew my reasons for rejecting the claim of the holder of the deed of gift against the Charity itself; I am perhaps to blame in neglecting to refer back to still older times.—

4. Section 2. Regulation XXXI of 1802 confirms the validity of alienations of land in the Carnatic Payen Ghat, made prior to 12th July 1792.— It appears from the Istimrar Accounts of fusly 1213, that the Peshcush was fixed for the Polliem on 43, out of 47, villages, the other 4 having been deducted as Inam Viz.t 2 for the Vyasa-rajah-sawmy's Muddom; 1 for the Bhutt; and one (Vee Malapatty) for the Raumalammal Chuttrom; and it may be thence inferred the alienation had been made prior to the fixed period; and it is to be remembered that though the proceeds have been since unwarily misappropriated by the Government officer, there never was an idea of appropriating them to the use of Government.—

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Madura
Melur
18th April 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the

the 12th of your letter of the 9th Instant, forwarding Specimens of the old Masulipatam Minted and regulating Dooles - and requesting to know if either of them will pass in circulation in this District I beg to inform you that neither of these are in circulation, but the Merchants of this place are willing to accept them at the intrinsic value of the Copper Viz. the former

At 1 - 9 - " p. 100 and the latter at 1 - 1 - " to Do.

Madura
Melur
19th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Trichendoor

Sir,

1 I have the honor to forward an Occasional Estimate of Works required to be executed in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul, for the year 1836, amounting to Rupees 3482 - 12 -, prepared agreeably to the Form which accompanied the letter from the Inspector General of Civil Estimates, and request that the necessary sanction of Government for this, and for the Occasional Estimates submitted for 1834 and 35, which have not yet been sanctioned, may be obtained -

No. 163 - 2 - I consider from enquiry, that all these works are desirable They were first proposed and estimated for by Mr. Best and Assistant Surveyor Hogg. - after which the advantages of them were carefully considered by the Tahsildars or myself in person. -

3 - Where calingalas of discharge are required, it is in consequence of the improved means of supply - and I scarcely think any of the works require remark, if you except the private well at Melur, which is situated in a place of great resort, close to the town of Melur and entirely open to the public, and closing breach &ca. in Chinnapoobancolum tank, in

Kykalancolum of Thenkaray, entered in this estimate because of the proportional smallness of the assessment on the village.—

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
Melur
19th April 1836

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

The requisition, appended to Government drafts on Collectors, has been neglected by the holder of No. 3265 for Rupees 500, dated 9th April 1836.— as no penalty is attached to neglect of the Requisition, I have not hesitated to accept the bill this day, and have warned the presenter that on a future occasion it may put him to the inconvenience of a delay of acceptance, till after communication with you— If I receive no instructions from you my course hereafter will be the same as at present, except that I shall not again trouble you by communication of the circumstances.—

No part of the writing or water mark is destroyed

Madura
Melur
19th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

In answer to a late letter from you I have the honor to forward the inclosed Summons and return for the information of the Acting Sub Collector in your district, shewing that Mellore Sooba Naick is not to be found in Maudacoolum.— I was equally unsuccessful in learning where he was to be found when inquiring at Melur—

Madura
Kattampatty
20th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

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To The Post Master General

Madras

Sir,

Allow me to thank you for having Changed the direction of my letters during the Current Month and to request you will be so good as to send them to Madura as heretofore, after the 23d Current.—

Madura
Cottamputty
20th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will transmit to me, the Quarterly return and journal for the Quarter Ending 31st January 1836, of Military Stores under your charge, as required by the 2d para of the orders of Government, published in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 25th November 1824, Page 835, and that you will infuture be good enough to transmit them regularly on the quarters ending 30th April 31st July and 31st October

Madura
Cottamputty
20th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

The same to the Sub Collector

To The Superintendent of the
Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 22d ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes paid, together with a Ticket in the 1st Class of the 58th Government Lottery.—

Madura
Melur
20th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Register of Prizes paid in the 1st Class of the 58th Govern-
-ment Lottery, in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul

No. 3162	Rs. 30
Deduct commission @ 10 per cent	3
Rupees	27

(Signed) J Blackburne

No. 62 — Exchange for Madras Rupees — Rs. Colltr. 500

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from James Silver Esqr. &c. Colltr. Collector of Madura, the sum of Madras Rupees five hundred to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny and Co., but not to their order, as per advice from.—

Madura }
Melur }
21st April 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Rl. Collector

To The Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette dated 2d. August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General for Rupees 6 paid by Mr. J H. Hogg Assistant Revenue Surveyor, for Subscription in arrears, and Advances for the Fort Saint George Gazette, for the last and ensuing quarter.—

Madura }
Melur }
21st April 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Rl. Collector

No. 63 — Exchange for Madras Rupees ..... 6 — —

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. James Henry Hogg, Assistant Revenue Surveyor, the sum of Madras Rupees Six, being the amount of Subscription, in arrears, and advance, on account of to the Fort St. George Gazette, for the last and ensuing quarters, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura Melur
21st. April 1836

Received from Mr. J. H. Hogg, Assistant Revenue Surveyor, the sum of Madras Rupees Six, on Account of Subscription in arrears, and advance, to the Fort Saint George Gazette, for the last and ensuing quarters. —

Signed J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura Melur
21st. April 1836.

To The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn a Bill, in your favor, on your Treasury, for the sum of Madras Rupees 1118 — 10 —, being the amount of Cuttoogoottagay Villages of Numbepoorum, for Fusly 1245; which sum shall be Credited to you in my Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors." —

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura Melur
21st. April 1836

Exchange for Madras Rupees .... 1118 – 10

To

The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir

At ten days sight please to pay to the Collector of Tinnevelly or order the sum of Rupees One Thousand One hundred and Eighteen and annas ten, being the Amount of Cuttoogoottagay Villages of Numbeeporum, for fusly 1245, which sum shall be Credited to you in my Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura
Melur
21st April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the honor to inclose a Bill and Abstract from Lieutenant Best, Assistant Civil Engineer 3d. Division for Rupees 100, paid from this Treasury, on Account of his Half Salary for February 1836, and debited to you in my accounts for this Month; and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts, under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura
Kottampatty
21st. April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

The Honorable Company .... Dr.

To Lieutenant S. Best Assistant Civil Engineer in the 3d. Division for his personal Civil allowances in arrears for the Month of February 1836 Viz.

Civil Salary	100
Rupees	100

(Signed) Saml. Best
Lieut. and late Actg. Civil Engr. 3d. Dn.

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Received this 19th day of March 1836, from the Honorable Company, through the Collector of Madura, the above mentioned sum of Madras Rupees One hundred.

(Signed) Samuel Best.
Lieut. & late Act. Civil Engr.
4th Division

Counter Signed
by the Collector.

Civil Engineer's Department 4th Dn.

Dr. Honorable Company ------------ Cr.

Abstract of Pay for the Month of February ---- 1836.

To Lieutenant S. Best half his salary as Assistant Civil Engineer in the 3d Division for the Month of February 1836 -------	100	..	..
Total Rupees ---	100	..	..

Ootacamund
1st March 1836

Received the amount Vizt.
Madras Rupees One hundred.
Signed S. Best late Act. C. Engr.
4th Dn.

To
The Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the late Acting Civil Engineer, together with the 2 receipts therein alluded to, and request you will have the goodness to inform me if their amount has been paid and Charged in your Accounts, for the months respectively, to enable me to make the necessary adjustments in Mine. If they have not been paid, may I request you will be so good as to pay the amount to Lieut. S. Best, and forward me the Bills in support of the disbursement according to the prescribed new form.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector.

Madura
Melur
22d April 1836

To The President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for

for the last Month for the following Statements.

Salt Confiscated

Goods Confiscated

Monthly Return of Persons Charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822.

Report of Persons Suspended and dismissed in Conformity to Section VII Regulation VI of 1831.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
Melur
22d. April 1836

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Department of the
Accountant General's office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me, on account of other Departments of this Presidency, and of other Presidencies and Governments, as required by your letter of the 8th. Instant, and to state that all the original receipts, herein enclosed, of the Paymaster, and the letter of Credit, inserting, on the back of it, the different dates in which payments were made to the Paymaster, in the preceding Month, together with the Account Current of the Military Paymaster; all receipts of the parties, on account of batta paid to the Candian prisoners; receipts in Duplicate for pension paid to the pensioners in the preceding Month, together with an abstract in duplicate have hitherto been forwarded to the Accountant General in the subsequent Month, as the amount of the Bills were disbursed, in different dates of the Month, But as the duplicate receipts of the former, with the Account Current of the Paymaster, and Triplicate receipts of the latter, and receipts of Assistant Surgeon on account of Native Vaccinators allowance (the Indents of the Zillah Court which are not forwarded now) and other Vouchers are usually forwarded to the Civil Auditor with

the Monthly Accounts - I therefore beg you will be good enough to let me know if the Court Indent is also to be furnished to your Office -

Madura
22d. April 1836
Kottamputty -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Military Paymaster
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of of your letter bearing date 18th. Instant, enclosing a draft in Duplicate for Rupees 33-10- for the Pay of Native Pensioners attached to the Public Bungalows for March 1836.-

Madura
Melur
22d. April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The late Acting Civil Engineer
4th. Division

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 9th. Instant, (received 15th.) I have the honor to inform you, that of the 2 receipts, the one for Rupees 100 appears to have been deducted from your Abstract for November 1835, as having been paid by the Principal Collector of Coimbatore. I have, however forwarded both receipts to that Officer, who I doubt not will be good enough to pay them on your renewed application.-

Madura
Melur
22d. April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Judge of Madura -

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of the document, required by defendant, in Original Suit No. 148 of 1835, before the Pundit Suder amun, on the stampt paper furnished by him, as requested in your letter of the 9th. instant, received 13th.-

Madura Melur 22d. April 1836 (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscripts to the Government Loan have been received during the last week

Madura Thooroombor 25th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a statement, shewing the wastage in the sale of salt from January to March 1836, and request your Board will obtain sanction for writing off from the accounts One Garce and 44 Mercals, amounting to Rupees 116-8-10-

Madura 26th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Department of the
Accountant Generals office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter bearing date 8th instant, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in Support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency, as described in the accompanying list-

Madura 26th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Judge of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of Yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you that Rupees 10920-..-.., belonging to your Court, remain deposited in my Treasury.-

Madura 26th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Judge of
Madura 78 155
Sir,

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 4th Instant, and to request you will be good enough to furnish me with the Quarterly return therein required.

D

Madura
26th April 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Principal Collector of
Salem
Sir,

With reference to the accompanying Copy of a letter, and Extract of a Memorandum, received from the Accountant General's office, under date 22d Instant, I have the honor to request you will give me Credit, if you have not already done so, in your Next Accounts for the sum therein mentioned, and apprize me of the same.

D

Madura
26th April 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Memorandum

To The Sub Collector
Dindigul

The Principal Collector has the honor to return the English and Tamil letter accompanying the Sub Collector's Memorandum of the 23d Instant and begs to inform him the wish expressed by the Eyempully Tahsildar has been complied with by the Principal Collector of Coimbatore.

returned

D

Madura
26th April 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To Doctor Wight
Palamcottah
Sir,

I have the honor to forward the statements called for, in your letter of the 24th ultimo; I regret the time that has elapsed in their preparation and shall feel great pleasure in affording you any explanation you may require of apparent inaccuracies or discrepancies.

D

(Signed) J Blackburne
Madura 26th April 1836 Pl. Collector

To The Accountant in the
Revenue Departments of the
Accountant Generals office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Memorandum of further remarks on the salt transactions of this Collectorate forwarded with your letter of the 7th instant, with the necessary replies.—

Madura
26th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the sum of 80 Rs. to be repaid to Letchmeypathye Iyen, late District Moonsiff of Nadoomundalum, as requested in your letter of this date, the receipt of which I shall be obliged by your acknowledging.—

Madura
27th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Officer Commanding Southern Division
of the Army
Point Calymera

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that, under Instructions from the Accountant General, the amount treasure to be remitted from hence is reduced from Five to four Lacs of Rupees.—

I trust you will excuse the short notice I was unable to give, when I first did myself the honor to address you.—

Madura
27th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Triplicate

This is to Certify, that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N.I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue & 12 privates, Marched from Ramnad for Madura, at my requisition, on the 24th April 1836, in charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th and were at liberty to return the Next day.—

Madura 27th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Memorandum 79 157

The Principal Collector has the pleasure to forward, for the perusal of the Sub Collector, all letters of the slightest interest he has received from the presidency (of which Copies have not been furnished) since the Sub Collector's last visit to Madura, and requests they may be returned as soon as done with

Madura
27th. April 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
P.l Collector

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to return the 2 Bills, which accompanied your letter of the 13th. Instant (received 18th.) and as they donot bear the Signature of Captain Faber, under the Bill, and your Counter Signature, I request you will be good enough to obtain fresh ones, as the Accountant General will not admit them unless prepared according to his instructions of the 8th. instant.-

Madura
27th. April 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
P.l Collector

To The Acting Civil Engineer
4th. Division.-

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Road Occasional Estimate for Madura and Dindigul, amounting to Rupees - 4609- 4- 2, and request you will do me the favor of obtaining the necessary Sanction of Government for its execution.-

Madura
27th. April 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
P.l Collector,

To Major Winbolt
Commanding 5th. Regiment N. I.
Dindigul

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th. Instant -

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may. I request you will be so good as to procure me emergent bills from the Paymaster for the amount Mr. Lockhart, the Sub Collector, directed the Tasildar of Taudycamboo to advance you Vizt. Rupees 580- 5 - -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
30th. April 1836

Memorandum-

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward, for the use of the Sub Collector, a printed Copy of the Acts noted below, received yesterday- Vizt.

English Acts Nos. III and VIII of 1836.
Tamil XXI of 1835; and IV and VI of 1836.
Telugu Do. - Do. - - - of Do.
Mahratta IV. of 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
30th. April 1836

To The Acting Register
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt, this day, of Rupees Five hundred and Eighty, (Rupees 580) with your letter of the 27th. Instant.-

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
30th. April 1836

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

Yesterday I had the honor to receive the two Copies of Tamil Almanacs, forwarded with your letter of the 22d. Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
30th. April 1836

Memorandum.

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward, for the use of the Sub Collector's office, Copy of a Tamil Almanac, received, yesterday, from Madras-

(Signed) J Blackburne.
Pl. Collector

Madura
30th. April 1836.

To

The Secretary to the Military Board.

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Quarterly return and Journal for the Quarter ending 31st January 1836. as directed in your letter of the 12th instant, received 15th.-

Madura 30th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Collector

To

The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. Geo

Sir,

Yesterday I had the honor to receive the 2. Printed Copies of the Acts, noted below, that accompanied your letter of the 19th Instant Viz.-

English Acts Nos. III and VIII of 1836
Tamil XXI of 1835. and IV and VI of 1836.
Telugu - - - - - - - - - - Do - - Do of Do
Mahratta - - - - - - - - - IV - - of - - 1836.

Madura 30th April 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Collector

To

The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1.- I have carefully reperused your order of the 7th March, for the reduction of Gopaul Kistnarow.- my suspension of that decision, under date the 15th of the same Month;- your Engl letter of the 5th Instant, complaining of the summary mode of my interference with your decision, urging the necessity for it, bu on different ground to those entered in the order, with which I disagre and those grounds also of so general a nature that they were not pos -ble for me to cope with;- my answer of the 8th still repeating m request to be favored with the substantial grounds on which you passed your first decision; and your reply of the 23d, acknowledg that your decision against this Gomastah, of long standing in the service, was exceedingly summary, and entering on an explanati

so general, as not in the least to support the grounds entered for his punishment, and no where attempting to shew that any of his Acts had been induced by a fraudulent mind; nor that any one had sustained the slightest injury by his Acts.—

2.— I beg to assure you of my regret that the mode in which I Interfered in what I deemed I could not hesitate, without dereliction of my duty, should have given you offence.— I had not the slightest intention to do so.—

3.— Under the legal provisions of Regulation IX of 1822 You, on the 25th. November 1835, fined this man.— I reversed your decision on the 26th. January last; but you still maintained your our opinion, and entered it as one of the causes for his reduction: There is nothing in any of the papers you have furnished me, or in your own explanation, to make me believe he has been guilty of any offence, or neglect, since my reversal of your decision There is nothing before me to make me believe you consider him guilty of any fraud in the Acts for which you have reduced him — and I cannot under these circumstances hesitate, not only to confirm my former suspension of your order, but, at once, to direct its reversal.—

Madura }
30th. April 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To
The Inspector General
of Civil Estimates
Fort St. George

Sir,

In obedience to your letter of the 11th. Instant (received 17th.) I have the honor to forward an Extract from the Official Report of the Acting Civil Engineer on the repairs Made to the Bungalow in the Fort of Madura.—

I am at a loss to know from whom the difference Rupees 53 - 10 - 2, is to be Collected; If work, said to be executed in Village, be in part rejected, it is customary to Collect from the —

Inhabitants, in respective shares: this work was executed in the fort of Madura, under the Superintence of the Tahsildar, the Pagoda Maistry, since Dead, & My Cutcherry Deloyet: I herewith forward an Account particular of the value of the Materials and hire paid to the work men for the repairs of the out Godowns: 10 Rupees is Estimated by Mr. Best as the Charge for every 100 square feet which Surveyor Hogg has in his examination account reduced to 5 Rupees which Makes a difference of Rupees 34 - 11 - 3. the remaining Rupees 18 - 14 - 11 - was laid out for the walls, and flooring the under Rooms, according to my direction, as subsequently occured to be necessary; If the actual charges thus incurred be rejected is it to be Collected from the Collector, the Tahsildar, or the Deloyet: If there was the least suspicion against the Tahsildar of profiting by the work, it would be Collected from him, but there is no such suspicion: Captain Faber's Diary shews that he could learn nothing from the Gomastah, but that Gomastah having been engaged in the Chittanay work, during the whole of the time, he could not know any thing of this Matter: The Tahsildar was absent from the place at the time of Captain Faber's inspection of the work and had he been present he makes he could have explained the circumstance I hope therefore you will be able to procure sanction for Rupees 53 - 10 - 2 -

Madura
30th April 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To
The Post Master General
Madras

Sir,

As requested, in your letter of the 15th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward 2 Duplicate Security Bonds, obtained from the Post office Writers at Cottampatty, and Civilpatty in this District, as also a statement shewing their pay, and the Monthly receipts taken on a 6 Months average.

Madura 3rd May 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Coll.

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Gentlemen, Fort St. George

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 25th Ultimo on the 1st Instant, and beg leave to forward transcript of the statement of the Collections of Town and Transit duties, as forwarded to the Customs Committee on the 18th November 1834, with the Addition of the similar statement for fuslies 1243 and 44, not ready at that time.—

Madura
3d May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Collector of
Trichinopoly
Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 29th Ultimo, I have the honor to return the Bill of Lieutenant Best, Assistant Civil Engineer, of the 3d Division, with the requisite alteration, and to forward Certificate of the last Payment made to that officer.

Madura
3d May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

This is to Certify that Lieutenant S. Best, Assistant Civil Engineer, 3d Division, has received his Pay from the Hon'ble Company's Treasury in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul up to February 1836 and to no later period.—

Madura
3d May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Accountant General
Sir, Fort St. George

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscription to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.—

Madura
3d May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

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To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeable to the directions contained in your letter of the 22d. Instant, I have, this day, dispatched to the General Treasury at the Presidency, under Charge of a Guard, commanded by A. E. Brooke, Ensign of the 5th. Regiment N. I. the sum of Company's Rupees (400000) Four Lacs as per Triplicate Invoice enclosed – The Escort from Dindigul arrived here on the 1st and left it this day for the Presidency. –

Madura
3d. May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

1st. Sunday.
2d. Holeday & great feast
3d. Leave charge.

To The Sub Treasurer Fort St. George.

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have the honor to send in Charge of the Accompanying Guard, under the Escort of A. E. Brooke, Ensign of the 5th. Regt. N. I. the sum of Company's Rupees (400000) Four Lacs, as per Invoice enclosed, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge –

Madura
3d. May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

P.S. The original receipt granted by A. E. Brooke Ensign for the above is also enclosed –

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Duplicate

Madura 3d. May 1836.

Received from the Principal Collector of Madura, in good order & well conditioned, 19 Boxes, said to contain Treasure of various coins to the amount of Company's Rupees (400000) Four Lacs, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer, at the Presidency. –

(Signed) A. E. Brooke Ensign
5th. Regt. N. I.

To The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of the instructions of the Accountant General, I have this day dispatched to the Presidency in Charge of a Guard, the sum of Company's Rupees (400000) Four Lacs, as per duplicate Invoice enclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
3d. May 1836

P.S.

The duplicate receipt granted by A. E. Brooke Ensign for the above is also enclosed.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura 3d. May 1836.

I do hereby certify that I received under my Charge from the Principal Collector of Madura, 19 Boxes, in 19 Bandies, said to contain Treasure, of various coins, to the amount of Company's Rupees (400000) Four Lacs, to be delivered to the Sub Treasurer at the Presidency, together with the sum of Company's Rupees Eight and annas twelve, for lamp oil on the road.

(Signed) A. E. Brooke Ensign
5 Regt. N.I.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To
The Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the following Cadjan Draft in payment of Public Revenue, which I request you will be so good as to realize.

A Draft on Nattoocottah Arnachellum Chitty at Moottyal Pettah, in Pavalacaura street, at Madras, at 7 days sight, drawn by Moottapah Chitty, for Rupees 2000.

I request to be furnished with a receipt for the above Bill.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura 3d. May 1836.

Memorandum 83 165

The Principal Collector has the honor to return Mr. Limond's bills with form after which they are to be made out, according to the Instructions of the Accountant General, and meantime has the honor to send him the amounts.

Madura 4th May 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Pl. Collector

No. 1. Exchange for Companys Rupees . . 2000

To The Accountant General Fort St. George

Sir

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre. Principal Collector of Madura, the sum of Companys Rupees Two thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at ten days after sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny and Co. but not to their Order, as per Advice from

Madura 4th May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

To The Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Lieutenant Shaw, 2d. Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Companys Rupees Fifty six, being the amount of his Establishment for April 1836, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfer between Collectors."

Madura 4th May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees - - - - - - - 56

To The Principal Collector of Malabar

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Lieutenant Shaw

2d Assistant Civil Engineer, 4th Division, or his order the sum of Companys Rupees Fifty six, being the amount of his Establishment, for April 1836, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".–

Madura
4th May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To Lieutenant J. Best
Acting Civil Engineer
2d Division

Sir,

I have the honor to return you the accompanying 6 Bills, for your personal allowances, from July to December 1835; and to request that you will affix your signature at the foot of them (as Marked in Pencil) and return them to me as Early as possible.–

Madura
4th May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 28th ultimo (received 1st Instant) I have the honor to forward an abstract of Lieutenant Best for December 1835, together with a Memorandum, in order to Enable you to know, in what amount, Rupees 144–13–2– was included, and Charged in my Journal for March last– The Memorandum will also shew you how Rupees 120 have been entered– and consequently that no seperate Vouchers are required for them.–

As I conceive the Accompanying Bill of Lieutenant Shaw for his allowances for January last, returned as additional and not required, was inadvertently returned from your office with the abstract, I beg to send it back again, as there appears

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no other voucher in support of that Charge.—

Madura
4th May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Memorandum of Bills forwarded from the amount in the Abstract of the Civil Engineers Department for December 1835— Rupees 1157 – – 10.

Bill of Lieutenant Best Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division for his personal Civil allowances for December 1835, forwarded to the Accountant General on the 8th April 1836	542 – –
Ditto of Lieut. J. Shaw 2d Assistant Civil Engineer for his Do. for Do. Do. on the Do.	175 – –
Do. of Lieut. S. Best Do. on account of pay and allowances for the Establishment under him for Do. Do. to the Civil Auditor on the Do.	401 – 10 – 8
Do. of Lieut. J. Shaw, 2d Assistant Civil Engineer on account of Do. for Do. on the Do.	38 – 6 – 2
	1157 – – 10
Amount of Lieutenant J. Shaw, 2d Assistant Civil Engineer's Abstract, for November 1835, Rupees	121 – 8 – 6
Deduct amount charged in the Journal for January 1836	1 – 8 – 6
Net amount charged in March 1836	120 – –
Bill of Do. Do. forwarded to the Accountant General on the 8th April 1835	115 – –
Do. of Do. Do. on account of Pay to the Establisht. under him forwarded to the Civil Auditor on the Do.	6 – 8 – 6
	121 – 8 – 6

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To
The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Companys Rupees One hundred and Twenty Two and annas Eight, being the amoun

in part of his Establishment for April 1836, which sum will be Credited to you under the "Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors." –

Madura
4th May 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees ---------- 122-8

To The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,
At sight please to pay to Captain Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Twenty two and annas Eight, being the amount, in part of his Establishment for April 1836, which sum will be Credited to you under the "Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

Madura
4th May 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Accountant
in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's office
Fort St. George

Sir,
With reference to your letter bearing date 8th ultimo, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency as described in the accompanying list. –

Madura
6th May 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To the Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir
I have the honor to enclose Duplicate Bills of E. P. Thompson Esqre, Assistant Judge and Joint Criminal Judge at Coimbatore, for the amount Paid to him from this Treasury on account of his Salary for April 1836, which is debited in the accounts

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of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit on his Account to the Civil fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".–

Salary for April 1836	1400
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 p Cent	84
Company's Rs.	1316

Madura
6th May 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Triplicate

The Honorable Company .... Dr.

To my allowance as assistant Judge and Joint Criminal Judge in the Zillah of Salem at Coimbatore for the Month of April 1836 ... 1400
Deduct
Amount of Subscription to the Civil Fund @ 6 p Cent 84

Net amount Rupees 1316

Madura
Zillah Court
1st May 1836

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Actg. Judge & Criminal Judge

Received the 4th day of May 1836 from the Honorable Company thro' the Principal Collector of Madura the above mentioned sum of Company's Rupees One Thousand Three hundred and Sixteen –

C. Rs. 1316

(Signed) E. P. Thompson
Acting Judge and Criminal Judge

To
The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Duplicate Bills of D. R. Limond Esqre., Assistant Collector of your District, for the amount paid to him from this Treasury, on account of his Salary &ca. from 21st to 30th April 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this office Noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw and credit, on his account to the Civil Fund, and request that the same May be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".–

Salary from 21st to 30th April 1836	116–10–8
Deduct Civil fund @ 6¼ p Cent	7–4–8
	109–6–
Fixed Tent allowance from Do. to Do.	14–"–"
House rent from Do. to Do.	11–10–8
Company's Rs.	135–"–8

Madura
6th May 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Triplicate

The Honorable Company ---------- Dr.

To my salary as Assistant Collector in the Zillah of Tinnevelly, from the 21st. to the 30th. April 1836, inclusive at 350 Rupees a Month is ---------- } Rs. as. p. 116 — 10 — 8.

Deduct.

Amount of Subscription to the Civil Fund at 6¼ Rupees per Cent ---------- } 7 — 4 — 8.

Net amount Rupees ---- 109 — 6 —

Madura Zillah Court 1st. May 1836. }

(Signed) D. R. Limond
Acting Register

Received this 3d. day of May 1836. from the Honorable Company thro' the Principal Collector of Madura the above mentioned Sum of Companys Rupees One hundred an Nine and annas Six —

Companys Rupees. 109 — 6 —

(Signed) D. R. Limond
Actg. Register

Paid 3d. May 1836.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Triplicate

The Honorable Company ---------- Dr.

To my fixed Tent Allowance as Assistant Collector in the Zillah of Tinnevelly from the 21st. to the 30th. April 1836 inclusive at 42 Rupees a Month is } Rs. as. p. 14 — —

Total Rupees 14 — —

Madura Zillah Court 1st. May 1836 }

(Signed) D. R. Limond
Acting Regr.

Received this 3d. day of May 1836. from the Honorable Company thro' the Principal Collector of Madura, the above Mentioned sum of Company's Rupees Fourteen —

Company's Rupees. 14 — —

(Signed) D. R. Limond
Acting Register

Paid 3d. May.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Triplicate

The Honorable Company ---------- Dr.

To my House Rent as Assistant Collector in the Zillah of Tinnevelly from the 21st. to 30th. April 1836. inclusive at 35 Rupees a Month is ---------- } Rs. as. p. 11 — 10 — 8.

Madura Zillah Court 1st. May 1836. --- }

Total Rupees. --- 11 — 10 — 8

(Signed) D. R. Limond

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Received this 3rd day of May 1836 from the Honorable Company thro' the Principal Collector of Madura, the above mentioned Sum of Company's Rupees Eleven annas ten and pice Eight.-

Company's Rupees 11-10-8. (Signed) D K. Limond Acting Register

Paid 8th May (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

To The Sub Collector Dindigul

Sir,

I have the honor to return your 3 Bills for March last and request you will be good enough to furnish them in the accompanying Form.-

Madura 6th May 1836 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

To The Acting Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copy of the Document required in A. S. No. 81 of 1835 are one of the Stampt Papers which accompanied the late Judge's letter of the 26th March last, together with Copy of an address from the Manager of Ramnad for your information. The other stampt paper is herewith returned.-

Madura 6th May 1836 (Signed) J Blackburne Pl. Collector

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

Para 1. On the 6th ultimo I had the honor to receive extracts from your Proceedings on the Settlement of Fusly 1244 dated the 31st March; - my absence from Madura till the 25th, and the subsequent quick recurring native festivals will, I trust, excuse the delay in my reply.-

2. In para 2 you animadvert on my procrastination in not commencing the settlement till the 1st April, and subsequently, in the same para, you observe that I did in point of fact commence the settlement, as you would seem to approve, in January, when I went to

examine the state of the withered crops. If I am right in my definition of Commencement of the Settlement to be the period at which the curnums are assembled, the assessment fixed, and the pattahs prepared, I was Correct in stating I did not commence till the 1st April; and if this definition be admitted, I am prepared to shew strong reasons for believing that was the best time for commencing the last year's Settlement, as well as the present one, and will probably always continue to be pretty nearly the best. I have entered more fully, probably, than called for on this point, but it is on a conviction I must generally pursue the same Course, unless I receive a positive prohibition from your Board.

3. Adverting to your remarks in para 3, I will beg leave to observe that till 1235, remission was usually granted on all punjah lands left uncultivated, notwithstanding the cultivated and uncultivated were parts of the same field; Subsequently to fusly 1235, the practise was discontinued, and with much apparent propriety small portions of a field, left waste, were assessed as tho' they had been Cultivated, but there is great difficulty in a just assessment of land so situated, 1st because a great deal of punjah land has been successively added to Mr. Hurdis' Survey of 1212, and many punjah fields, entered in Mr. Hurdis' accounts, no longer exist, having been formed into wells, tanks, channels, building ground &ca, or converted with ravines by the over flow of tanks or force of Monsoons. 2ndly because it is a fact that the Ryots are ignorant of, and unable to distinguish the exact, or nearly exact, boundary of their field; and 3dly because many fields have been infinitely Subdivided in consequence of inheritance, and are occupied by individuals having no connexion with each other. When Mr. Hurdis' survey remains entire, his accounts are the usual guide, and where changes have taken place, the enjoyment of the preceding year is the rule. I have

been for some time very particular in my Instructions to the Curnums to point out to the Ryots the exact bounds of their Punjah fields and I am prepared in the present Settlement to follow your wishes as far as possible, and do justice to the Ryot, without sacrificing the interest of the Government.-

Para 6. 4th. Your Board would seem to impress upon me the propriety of refusing remission in all cases where the failure of the crop is within 10 per cent of the whole cultivation, and of granting it if exceeding that percentage. I am aware that if a line must be drawn, it is useless to argue on the difference of conduct towards two Ryots whose crops fail in the relative proportion of 10 or 10½ Per Cent.- yet my own local observation, and indeed my general view of this measure, is to make no distinction, but grant remission whenever there is a failure of crop clearly proved.- and I am inclined to think the adoption of the other measure will save but little present Money to the Government, and will cause distrust, a feeling of relative injustice, and a disinclination to save by arduous labor a dying crop; where as the General remission on unproductive crops will turn to the real after benefit of the Government, in the less straightened means of the Ryot, in his satisfaction with the Government Officer, and in the less amount of advances that will be requisite- a measure yet necessary, but which I hope to see die away by degrees except in years of serious scarcity and loss.- I anticipate your Board will not approve of my views on this point, and therefore hope you will give me a specific instruction, which you are sure I shall implicitly and cheerfully obey.-

Para 7. 5. It has been my endeavor to make the Curnums keep that general kind of Memorandum your Board seem to wish for of productive and unproductive fields but I have found it a Much more difficult task than your Board seem to be at all apprehensive

of

of; various descriptions of crops in one and the same village come under the sickle at every intervening period from January to March; and it is quite impossible to foresee in January what crops will fail in March. I had thought, till I have now received your Board's intimation that such is not the case, that in Tanjore Trichinapoly and Tinnevelly the Kurnoms do keep accounts of the Cultivation and Produce of each Ryot, and I directed the introduction of the practise here under a mistaken notion that it was your wish, and the only means of complying with your Instructions for granting remissions.-

Para 8. 6. In Dindigul the tax was originally fixed on the land on its estimated capabilities of producing one or two crops, and was not fixed on each crop; Much of the two crop land of that period now produces only one crop; whilst, vice versâ, single Crop land of that period now yields two crops; In fusly 1244, when the first crop failed, and the second flourished, no remission was granted in Dindigul, and to this the Ryots fully acceded.-

7. The original Memoranda to complete the remission statement for the village of Melur are forwarded in accordance with the desire of the 9th para -

a 19. 8. Accompanying are Copies and translates of Mr. Parish's orders of the 28th and 29th April 1808, putting the dismissed Ramnad Sibbendy Corps in possession of land; and of Mr. Peter's Cowle issued 20 years afterwards, by which, as also by previous long prevailing practise, they claim, with justice, exemption from tax on such parts of their Cowle land as they leave uncultivated- and Mr. Peter's Cowle expressly states this exemption to have been Customary, but there is no other documentary evidence in proof.

The Cowle Statement taken by your Sheristadar, when on Circuit, with the late lamented Sir Thos Munro, in 1826, appears to have been nothing more than the actual sanctioned

proposition, amounting to 460 Cawnies. The statement No. 13. which I had the honor to forward to you, with my report on the settlement of fusly 1244, shewed a Decrease of cawnies 38 at. 7¾, which is accounted for by 21 Cawnies having been granted in 3 Villages, paying quit rent only, and therefore not classed with the unalienated lands, and 17 Cawnies 7¾ at. were deficient from a portion of the proposed extent never having been given, perhaps never claimed; and by the lapse of a portion of one of the holders who died without issue.

Para 20

9. Your Board truly observe that there is no indication in the settlement accounts of 1244 of the 2d. crop revenue of fusly 1243, as the amount formed an integral portion of the revenue of 1244 I saw no propriety in entering it under a separate head, but I regret I did not mention the particulars in the body of my report as there is no doubt it ought to have been done for your full comprehension.

In the latter part of the same para (20) you observe that the 2d. Crops of fusly 1244 grown at the corresponding season were included in that year's settlement and require explanation of the occurrence.

This difficulty has been occasioned by a slight oversight of your Board. The 2d. Crop land, of fusly 1243, was not sown till the Month of April, whilst that of 1244 was sown in March, hence it did happen that the settlement of fusly 1244 included the revenue from one Kalum or ordinary crop, and two Kodai or 2d. Crop lands.

See para 3. Report to Board 25th. August 1834 and para 4. Report to Board 2d. Augt. 1835.

10. Deeming it will be more convenient to your Board to receive the report on the discretionary remissions, alluded to in the 23d. para of your proceedings, I am now engaged in preparing you a separate report; and I shall hereafter also address you on the subject of the 24th. as your decision regarding tree tax is open to a misconception.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
6th. May 1836.

Translation of an order to Peer Mahomed Tahsildar of Maudacolum.-

You state, in your address of the 24th Instant, that you have received a List of the Waste Lands, to be granted to the disbanded Sepoys of the Ramnad Peshcush, that the Extent is in Chays, and that a Chey of land, in this district, varies in equality to 1¼th 1½ 1¾ and 2 Cawnies, and requesting orders thereon, to which you are hereby directed to grant them the lands at 2 Cawnies per Chey.-

28th April 1808.

(Signed) G. Parish
Collector

Translation of an Order to Peer Mahomed Tahsildar of Maudacolum.-

You state that the Memorandum sent from the Hoozoor, regarding Anady Waste land, to be granted to the disbanded Sepoys of Ramnad Peshcush, is stated to be in Cheys and that each Chey of land in this district varies in Equality to 1¼ 1½ - 1¾ - and 2 Cawnies. You will therefore grant Anady Waste lands, as stated below, and forward to the Hoozoor an Account shewing the Names of the Villages, the Extent of land and its classification and their Names and Situation - when an order will be sent about the Cowle.-

For Subidar Mahomed Mooraud	Cawnies	30.
For Each Havildar	"	24.
" Naick	"	20.
" Sepoy	"	12.
" Puckally	"	24.
" Drummer	"	22.

29th April 1808.

(Signed) G. Parish
Collector

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

N.B.

The Same order to the Tahsildars of Mellore and Aunyoor.-

Translation of a Cowle granted to Chengulroyen of Madura, a disbanded Sepoy of Ramnad, by Mr. Rous Peter, Principal Collector of the Zillah of Madura.-

The village of Pothumboo, of the Maudacolum Talook, West of Suntheren Punjah turshee, South of Cowlemudday Nullah, East of Pottel, and North of Maudy Karen punjeththeratheb, the land situated within these bounds is 1 Stalam of 4 5/10 Cawnies of 3d. Sort Karaseb: a little further from this spot, south of Maudy-hauren punjeh therthub - West of Pottab thurshee - East of thirkully Pottel - and North Aver puttel is land of 1 Stalum of 6 5/10 Cawnies of 3d. Sort Karaseb: Total 2 Stallums of 11 Cawnies of 3d. Sort Karaseb of which the Original tax is 31½ fanams per Cawney, is Chs. 34 and 6½ fs. In the village of Ponmany, East of Avanyapoorum Channel, North of Mungel Madoo Channel, West of Thirthel, and South of the Cowle lands of Jamauladden Hoossain, is land of 1 Stalem of ½ Cawney of 3d. Sort Nuller, which, at 12 fs. per Cawny, is 6 fanams. In the village of Maudacolum, East of Avaneyapoorum Channel, South of Vaulakuttay Channel, West of Moottooryen's Vaulakuttay, and North of Naranyen's Well, is land of 1 Stallem of ½ Cawny of 3d. Sort Nuller, which at 12 fs. per Cawney, is 6 fs.; Total of 3 villages of 2 Stallems 3d. Sort Nuller, @ 12 fs. ℔. Cawney, the Cowle tax on which is 2 1/10 fs. this and 2 Stallems of 3d. Sort Karasel, of 11 Canies full tax of which is Chs. 34 and 6½ fs., Cowle tax @ 6 3/10 fs. per Cawney, is Chs. 6 and 8/10 fs. Total, in all 4 Stallems, 12 Cawnies, full tax, Chs. 35 and 8½ fs., Cowle tax is Chs. 7 and ¼ fs. As you have applied for a Cowlenamah, with Seal and Signature, for the Cowle lands given you by Mr. Parish, upon Government Orders, for the Support of yourself, and family, and which you have enjoyed yearly up to fasly 1234, paying the Cowle tax on Cultivated

lands

lands only, Excluding Waste, and withered produce; you will, accordingly from fusly 1235 Continue your Exertions to Cultivate the land, and Enjoy the Cowle, as formerly fixed, Exclusive of waste and Withered Crops, and pay the Cowle tax as specified above on Such lands as you shall derive produce from, According to the Kistbundy, and be in happiness.-

Madura
19th March 1828 } (Signed) R. Peter
Pr. Collector

(True translation)
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To
The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Lists No. 1. 2. 3 & 5. which accompanied your letter of the 27th Ultimo (received 30th) for revision of them; No. 1 and 2 seem to require no alteration; the entries of No. 5 have been transferred to No. 3; and No. 5 the list is sent blank.-

Madura
7th May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To
The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

In obedience to the 3d para of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22d Ultimo, received this day, I have the honor to state that a Proclamation was issued, for the information of all persons, that no duty will be levied in future on Sea Fish - and when tenders were invited for renting the Sayer farm, for the ensuing fusly, it was expressly intimated that the rent would be exclusive of Sea fresh Fish, and I believe the fact is generally known.-

Madura
7th May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

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To The Post Master General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose Copy of a letter from the Accountant General, dated 23rd Ultimo, together with a Memorandum, in Explanation of the sums entered in my Accounts, as therein referred to, and request your instructions on the Subject.

Madura 9th May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Memorandum

Total amount entered in the Memorandum of the Accountant General as credited by the Post Mast General to the Principal Collector of Madura, as per Accounts Current furnished Monthly	619-11-1	
Add amount incurred for inclosing a Room in a Choultry, with Mud walls for the use of the Post office at Madura, charged only in the Journal for December 1834, and not in the Account Current with the Post Master General, as per sanction of Government under date 2nd December 1834	15 " "	634-11-
Deduct		
Total amount entered in the Memorandum of the Accountant General, as debited by the Post Master General, to the Principal Collector of Madura, as per Accounts Current furnished Monthly	235-5-8-	
Add amount, not debited yet by the Post Master Genl. as specified in the Principal Collectors Memo. forwarded to him in a letter dated 27th June 1835.	Rs. 265-30-5-5.	
Add amount of Surplus pay of Tappal runner between the period of employment and dismissal for 4 days in November 1832, credited in the Journal for September 1834, and not in the Account Current with the Post Master General	" 12-10	266-7
		368-3

Madura 9th May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been Received during the last Week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
9th May 1836

To The Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to return Captain Faber's Bill, which accompanied your letter of the 6th instant, and request you will be good enough to make the Corrections Noted in pencil, and return it to me with your Counter Signature to the date of Payment.

Madura
9th May 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's office

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter of the 5th instant together with the Original Vouchers therein Enclosed.

Madura
9th May 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Collector of

Rajahmundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of T. W. Goodwyn Esqre., Register to the Zillah Court of your District for the amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his salary and House Rent, for April 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this office as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, on his Account to the Civil Fund and

Salary for April 1836	525 - " - "
Deduct Civil fund @ 6 1/4 %	32 - 13 - "
	492 - 3 - "
House Rent for Do.	35 - " - "
Company's Rs.	527 - 3 - "

and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collector's.—

Madura
9th May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

The Honorable Company — — — — — — Dr.

To my House Rent as Register to the Zillah Court at Rajamundry for the Month of April 1836 — — — — Ct. Rs. A. P. 35 — —

Ramnad 1st May 1836.
(Sig.) T. W. Goodwyn
Regr.
E. E.
Pr.

Received, this 4th day of May 1836, from the Honorable Company, thro' the Principal Collector of Madura, the above Mentioned sum of Company's Rupees thirty five.

C. Rs. 35 — —

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Actg. Head Asst. Collr.

The Honorable Company — — — — — — Dr.

To my salary as Register to the Zillah Court at Rajamundry for the Month of April 1836 — — — — Ct. Rs. A. P. 525 — —

Deduct Civil Fund at 6¼ Pr. Cent — — — — 32 — 13 —

Balance — — — 492 — 3 —

Ramnad 1st May 1836.

E. E.
Pr.

Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Actg. Hd. Asst. Collr.

Received, this 4th day of May 1836, from the Honorable Company thro' the Principal Collector of Madura, the above mentioned sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred and Ninety two, and annas three.—

C. Rs. 492 — 3 —

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Actg. Hd. Asst. Collr.

To The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

On the 17th July 1835, Trichinopoly Sashagerry Row, and Serungapatam Streenevassiengar, Subscribed to the 4 Pr. Cent Bengal Loan, to the amount of 1400 Sica Rupees Each; but not

not having as yet received their Promissory Notes or Interest Accruing thereon, from the Month of November last, I have the honor to request, as the parties have applied to me, you would be good Enough to let me know when they may Expect to receive their Bonds, and the Interest due thereon.—

Madura
9th May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Memorandum

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward an Original Circular received from the Board of Revenue on the 14th February, together with the pamphlet to which it alludes, which he requests may be returned when done with; and further begs to inform the Sub Collector it is the Board's wish that his report should be submitted through the Principal Collector.—

Madura
11th May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Acting Civil Engineer
2d. Division.

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th. ultimo, together with the several Bills therein Enclosed; and to request you will be good enough to inform me whether the amount of Rupees 336–8 in Bill No. 1. forms part of Salary and allowances for yourself, or for your Department, and if included in the 2 Bills marked thus (A) As I am unacquainted with the particulars of the amounts of the Bills marked thus (B). I request you will be pleased to furnish me with separate Abstracts, According to the Accompanying Form, and return them to me duly Countersigned by the Officers that made the payments.—

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The 2 letters from the Principal Collectors of Malabar and Canara to your address, sent by you to this Office, are herewith returned.

Madura
11th May 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Inspector General
of Civil Estimates
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your Circular No. 145 dated 13th April 1835, I regret to state that I am unable to furnish the statement therein called for up to the end of March last, as all the Curnums of the Villages are employed preparing the annual Settlement Accounts at the Talook Station, in consequence of which the Tahsildars are unable to prepare their Statements. As soon as the Settlement is concluded, I shall lose no time in forwarding it up to the 30th of this Month, and trust this delay may not be materially in-convenient to you.

Madura
12th May 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

No. 250

To The Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

Upon the application of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly you will advance to him sums to the extent of Rupees Twenty five thousand (25,000) on account of his Disbursements for Next Month, taking his receipts for the Advances and debiting the Head of "Military Department" for them, under General Books in your Accounts.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) A. J. Cherry
Dy. Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George
22d. March 1836

(Signed) A. Crawford
Depy. Accountt. Genl.

Examined
(Signed) A. J. Kaye
Actg. Asst. Accountt. General

The amount paid on account of this letter of Credit are as follows.

On the 18th April 1836			9005 - 5 - 10.
25th	Do		33 - 11 - "
27th	Do		10750 - 2 - 3.
30th	Do		90 - 7 - "
			19879 - 9 - 1.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To
The Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Assistant Revenue Surveyor Williams, 4th Division, at sight, for the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and twenty six and annas twelve, being the amount of his allowances for April 1836, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura
12th May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees - - - - - - 126 - 12 - "

To
The Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Assistant Revenue Surveyor Williams, 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and twenty six and Annas twelve, being the amount of his allowances for April 1836, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors."

Madura
12th May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Secretary to the Committee
for the revision of Customs
and Post office Department
Calcutta.

Sir,

In answer to your Circular, No. 274, of 1835/36 dated 30th March (received 21st Ultimo) I have the honor to forward the statement therein Called, for prepared from the records of this Office.-

Madura 13th May 1836. (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Copy of my Letter, and its Enclosure, dated 27th November 1835, as requested in your letter of the 9th instant, received Yesterday.-

Madura 14th May 1836. (Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

Para 1. The sea ports of the Districts of Madura and Dindigul, are Keelacurray, South of the Paumben pass, in the Coast of Ramnad; Paumbin itself, and Davipatam, North of the pass, and about 32 Miles North west from Paumben, and Tondi, the Most northerly port in the bay, and the only one within the limits of the Shevagungah Zemindary, about 20 Miles North of Davipatam.-

2- From Madura to Ramnad the distance is 72 Miles, by a Much frequented, but indifferent, and dilapidated, high road - from Ramnad, one very bad road branches off to Paumben distant 35 Miles, and another to Davipatam, distant 8 Miles,

respectively from Ramnad - this last 8 Miles being often near-
-ly impossible for wheel carriages. -

3. During the last two years there has been great increase in the export of Cotton, but a very large portion is also carried by land from Tinnevelly, and the Cotton lands of this district, to Trichinopoly and Cumbaconum, when it passes into other hands, and is finally exported from Nagore and Porto Novo. Many of the Salt pans are situated near each other both north and south of Tondi; and I am much inclined to believe that facilitating the inland communica-tion between Madura and Tondi, would increase the export of Cotton and the sale of Salt. -

4. From Madura to Tondi the route lies by a high road thro' Tirpavanum, Shevagungah and Coliar Covil, by a half marked road to Thiroovaigum pett, and thence by no fixed path to Tondi - total distance by the above route is 80 Miles. - Having, with your Consent, availed myself of the Services of Assistant Surveyor Hogg, I directed his most particular atten-tion to the Survey and Marking off of a direct line from Tiroo-vaigumpett to Tondi; - in the second place to the first 20 miles from Madura, and generally to the whole of the inter-mediate space. - I beg leave to forward his estimate which entirely meets my approbation. The alteration he has propo-sed in the first 20 miles, takes it over a harder line, the making of which is less expensive than the repair of the old line would be, and at the same time reduces it 5 Miles in a distance of 27. The line he has marked out from Tiruvaigum pett to Tondi reduces the distance, in that space, 7 Miles - If the whole estimate be acted upon, the total distance from

Madura

Madura to Tondi will be 65 Miles, being a reduction of 15. Miles.-

5 I have lately submitted to you another road estimate of the great Trichinopoly, and of the Dindigul and Madura roads; the execution of which I consider of the greatest importance;- ignorant how far the Government may be inclined to incur expense I will next generally recommend the completion of of the whole of the road entered in this estimate; but on the supposition the Government might sanction part, where they hesitate, at once, to sanction the whole; I would more particularly recommend under-taking the road from Tirvaigumpett to Tondi; and 2dly from Madura by Manaloor and Padamautoor to Shevagungah.-

6. I am by no means sure that I should not be able to complete the work considerably within the estimate by a fair and judicious call of free service, in many parts- or if not of free service, of very lightly paid for work.-

Madura
14th May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Pr. Collector

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request that the Accompany-
2. -ing Proclamation may be Published in the Office of the Board of Revenue.

Madura
14th May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburn
Pr. Collector

Proclamation

Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears outstanding against the Renter of Sayer for Fusly 1241 as hereundermentioned be discharged on or before the 20th June 1836 the lands &ca. particularized below will be sold by Public Auction at the Cutcherry of the Maudacolum Talook in the Madura District.

Fusly	Names		Balance
1241.	Ramien and Mootherovlandy Pillay	Renters of 5 Per Cent duty of Thenkarray Talook	183 - 2 - "
		Do. of Tobacco of Do.	732 - 3 - 4
		Do. of Betel of Do.	248 - 10 - 10
			1164 - " - 2
1239	Sevasoobramaniya Pillay	Sayer Renter of Pullemadum Chowkey	2874 - 10 - 2
		Total	4038 - 10 - 4

Lands &ca. to be Sold on account of the above balances.

	Description of the property	To whom belonging
In Madura	1 Piece of Ground, Containing 2 Spots, first spot on the north side East to West 20 feet and from North to South 84 feet, and 2d. spot on the South Side, East to West 36 feet & from North to South 44 feet, on which is a Tiled House and Veranda of 22 Unganoms, and Thatched House &ca. of 6 Unganoms with Door frames &ca.	Ramien Renter
	1 Piece of Ground, Containing 2 Spots, first spot on the South Side, East to West 24 feet, and from North to South 88 feet, & 2d. Spot on the North Side, East to West 16 feet, and from North to South 8 feet. On which is built a Tiled House and Veranda of 10 Unganoms, and a Thatched House & stall of 4 Unganoms, with Door and frames &ca.	
In Maraganoor of Maudacolum Talook	Nunjeh — cawl. 11 at 11½; Kooly " at 1.	Do.
	Punjeh — " " 6 8.	
Sauthanungalum Village of Thorumboor Talook	2 Karray. Nunjeh inclusive mortgage 13 — 10½ " "	Do.
	Punjeh Do. " " 3 — 8¾	

	Description of the property	To whom belonging
Madura	1 Piece of Ground East to West 31 feet & from North to South 120 feet, on which is built a Tiled House & Varanda of 16 Unganoms, & a Thatched House and stall of 6 Unganoms, with Door and Frames	Mootoosawmy Iyen Security of Ramien and other Renter
Do.	1 Piece of Ground East to West 40 feet and from North to South 94 feet, on which is built a Terraced House of 16 Unganoms, and a Tiled House and Varanda of 9 Unganoms with Door and frames and 1 Ring well within it	Sashien Security of Do. Do.
In Samaya-nulloor of the Maudacolum Talook	1 1/2 Karray { Nunjeh — Caw 12 at 15 3/4; Punjeh — Kooly 4 at 12 1/2	Soondramien Security of Do. Do.
Do.	3/8 Do. { Nunjeh — Cawl 3 at 14 1/2; Punjeh — Ko 2 at 13 3/4	Soobaroyan Iyen Security of Do. Do.
Do.	1/2 Do. { Nunjeh — Cawl 5 at 6 3/4; Punjeh — 1/2 1 at 6	Caleyanasoondramien Security of Do. Do.
Do.	3/4 Do. { Nunjeh — Cawl 9 1/2 at 9; Punjeh — 3 at 8 1/2	Mootooven Security of Do. Do.
Aunyore of Do.	Nunjeh — Caws 1 at 11 1/4	Sungaranaurayanien Security of Do. Do.
Selayanaree of Do.	Nunjeh — 15	
Kullecrody village of Teeroomungalum	Purgos 3 1/2 Nunjeh Exclusive of Mortgage 6 at 13; Punjeh Do. Ko 291 at 15	Seevasoobramaniya pillay Sayer Renter
	1 Garden with a well including 74 Cocoanut Trees in it — 1 at 12	
Do. Do.	1 Piece of Ground East to West 50 Cubits and from North to South 40 Cubits, on which is built a Thatched House and a Terraced Granary of 4 Unganoms	

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

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Received from the Acting Paymaster Southern Division a draft in duplicate for Rupees 33-10-6 dated 14th May 1836, being pay in arrears for April, for Native Pensioners attached to public Bungalows Madura

16th May 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Collector

To The late Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Certificate of the last payment made to you from my Treasury, as requested in your letter of the 9th instant, received the night before last.—

Madura
16th May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Customs and Post office Committee
Calcutta

Gentlemen,

The night before last, Saturday, I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 20th ultimo, calling for information relative to river craft, and beg leave to inform you not a single boat is in use throughout the district, nor required.—

Madura
16th May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,

1. If, on your first Communication, you had favored me with the information from the Civil Engineer's diary, which is contained in your letter of the 10th Instant, being in reply to mine of the 17th ultimo, much time might have been saved.

2. As soon as you will be so good as to forward me the agreement the people of Kangoor are willing to enter into towards those of Keeranoor, I will immediately cause an enquiry with a view to urging their acceptance of the terms proposed—

Madura
16th May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

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To The Accountant General
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am of opinion I can meet all demands that may be made on my treasury, and remit you one lac Rupees on the 1st June, if it meets your pleasure - I have estimated the bills to be received from you at 70,000 Rupees. - If you are not anxious for the Money, it might be well to delay the transmission till July, when I can increase the amount, or take advantage of any dispatch of treasure from Tinnivelly. -

Madura
16th May 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

With reference to my letter of the 12th March regarding petition No. 132, of 1836, I beg leave to state that the deceased Zavin's youngest of two Widows claims the Produce and the Villages, under attachment, in right of her adopted Son and herself: the eldest widow, and her daughter, deny the adoption, and claim the villages as direct heirs: both parties will, no doubt, produce a number of witnesses to prove their seperate allegations, and if one gets possession of the Villages the other, who has an equal claim, will be left destitute: it will be, in my opinion, the best plan to retain the property in attachment, and divide the produce of the Villages equally between them, until one party establishes her claim in the Civil Court, by which means both will be kept from want, and prevented from causing disturbances, which I have no doubt will take place were one party only put in possession -

and

And conceiving I am in this acting fully up to the Spirit of Section XVII Regulation V of 1822, I shall inforce this award till you think the strict letter (of dividing the land) rather than the spirit of the Regulation should be inforced.—

Madura } (Signed) J Blackburne
16th May 1836. } Pr Collector

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's office Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the 4 Vouchers of the Candian pensioners in Duplicate, with the necessary quotations as required by your letter of the 12th instant.—

Madura } (Signed) J Blackburne
17th May 1836. } Pr Collector

To The Accountant General Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.—

Madura } (Signed) J Blackburne
17th May 1836. } Pr Collector

To The Accountant General Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to return One of the 2 Vouchers of Lieutenant S. Best for the Month of February last, which Accompanied your letter of the 12th instant, duly corrected; the other is retained as unnecessary.—

Madura } (Signed) J Blackburne
17th May 1836 } Pr Collector

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To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Vouchers in Support of the payments made for March, and Charged in my Journal for April 1836 Viz.

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1. Abstract of Mr. A. Allardice for Vaccine Charges of Madura for March 1836 45-8-
1. Do. of Do. Do. Ramnad for Do. 45-8-
1. Receipt of the Catechist employed for superintending the protestant Church at Madura for Do. 14-0-

Madura
17th May 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Lieutenant S. Best
Acting Civil Engineer
2d Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Deputy Accountant General, together with a Memorandum of the Military Auditor General's remarks on your personal allowances for June 1835; and request you will remit me the amount objected to Viz. Rupees four.

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Madura
17th May 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Post Master General
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to state for your information that I have just received an address from the Tappal writer of Covilputtey, in which he mentions, that having obtained leave of absence on account of sickness, the person substituted to perform his duty, was, by reason of a sudden attack of fever, unable to insert the hour of the arrival of the Mail, on the 13th instant, in the road Index.

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I trust that a similar accident will not again occur, another Substitute having been provided. -

Madura
17th May 1836. }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

Under instructions from the Accountant General, of the 12th instant, I have the honor to request you will countersign the Enclosed Bill of Lieutenant Shaw, Assistant Civil Engineer, and return it me, and that in future that Officer's Bills may always be countersigned by yourself before forwarding to this Office. -

Madura
17th May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The Principal Collector of
Malabar

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Bill of the Assistant Civil Engineer, of the 4th Division, which Accompanied your letter of the 13th instant (received this day) and request you will obtain the counter signature of the Senior Civil Engineer, as directed in the Accountant General's letter of the 12th.

Madura
18th May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

To The President and Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Para 1. On the 14th, I was favored with extract of

your Proceedings of the 9th, togetherwith transcript of the Minute of consultation, under date the 3d, Instant, on the Settlement of the land Revenue of this district for fusly 1244.

2. I am sorry my report was not worded sufficiently clear to save me from the observation of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that I had asserted, in the 4th. Para of my report, the existence of a practise "which if inflexible, would "be unjust, and bring disastrous consequences on the people"; and that I myself had plainly proved it was not a practise rigidly observed, by shewing "that the tax, in fusly 1243, was levied "upon the Punja fields, if the proportion left uncultivated "was within 12½ percent";

Minutes Consult. Para 4

In the 4th. para: of my report, I stated Remission was never granted on Punja lands; and the rest of that para. the marginal remark and the statements accompanying the report all shewed this remission to have reference to withered crops alone.

In the 7th. para: I stated that I had, from peculiar circumstances, in Melur, deviated from the prevailing rule viz. that instead of taking into consideration whether the Cultivation of Punja fields exceeded or fell short of 12½ per cent of the whole field, I had levied assessment on the actual cultivation only.

Thus, the 4th. para had reference to withered punja crops; and the 7th to the extent of cultivation in a punja field; and I trust this explanation will prove satisfactory to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

3. The present comparative prosperity of the Nattom Talook is owing to its situation under the hills, which secured it a plenteous supply of water, & consequent abundant harvests

whilst

whilst the adjoining talook of Melur was parched with draught, and to this may be added its freedom for the last two years, from the severe fever which served both to interrupt cultivation, and to prevent the obtaining of a true return of its actual extent.—

In this talook no 2d. Crop tax is leviable.— In Melur and all other talooks of Madura, half tax is leviable on 2d. Crops.— Nuttom possesses also another advantage in that lands, there cultivated with Plantain, Chilly and Tabacco, pay only double Punja tax.— But to counterbalance this the tax on both Nunjah and Punjah is higher in Nuttom, than the other talooks of Madura— as a General example the average tax per Cawnie is in.

Nuttom } Melur }	Wet land	Rs. 5 1/4/10 ; 4 11/10
Nuttom } Melur }	Dry	1 7/8 ; 1 11/10

The Assessment was fixed for Nuttom wet land, as in Dindigul, Viz. the produce was shared equally between the cultivator and Government, and the Government share commuted for money at an average of prices.—

There have been, for a length of time, no transfers of land in Nuttom, whether by sale or Mortgage.—

Madura }
18th. May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Acting Civil Auditor,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to Annex para 3. of a letter from the Board of Revenue, dated 5th. Instant (received 13th.) and with reference thereto to enclose a statement of the commission drawn

on

on the Extra Sources of Revenue in this District during the last 3 Years, and would beg the favor of your informing me, if the average Amount therein shown, is to be considered the standard rate of commission to be drawn Monthly from the 1st April last. Of the stamp Commission, 5 per cent is allowed to the Darogah, from the 10 per Cent granted to the Principal Collector, and I request to know if this is to be continued, as at present.—

Madura
19th May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To
The Judge of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Bill on the Principal Collector of Salem, in favor of Mr. E. Bannerman, late Judge of Madura, for Rupees 140, which accompanied your letter of this date.—

Madura
21st May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To
The Principal Collector of
Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of E. Bannerman Esqre, Acting Judge of your District, at 10 days sight, for the Sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Forty, being the Amount, paid into this Treasury, by E. P. Thompson Esqre Acting Judge of Madura, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura
21st May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees ---- 140 —

To The Principal Collector of
Salem.

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to C. Bannerman Esqre, Acting Zillah Judge of your District, or his order the sum of Company's Rupees One hundred and Forty, being the amount paid into my Treasury by — E. R. Thampson Esqre, Acting Judge of this District, which sum will be Credited to you in my Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors" —

Madura
21st May 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Do Collector

Memorandum

The Sub Collector is requested in future to substitute the accompanying for the old form of Marammut returns. —

Circular Orders have been issued on the Subject to all Tahsildars. —

Madura
23d May 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Do Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St George.

Sir,

With reference to your letter under date the 23d Ultimo (received 26th) I have the honor to annex Copy of one from the Post Mr General and to state that the Adjustments therein directed will be made in my Accounts for the present Month. —

Madura
23d May 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Do Collector

To The Accountant General
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no sub-

-scriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.-

Madura 23d. May 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Pr. Collector.

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue. Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last Month for the following Statements-

Salt confiscated.
Goods confiscated.-

Madura 24th. May 1836 } (Signed) J. Blackburne Pr. Collector

To The Civil Auditor Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a voucher in support of the payments made to J. Wilkinson Esqre. superin-tendent of Vaccination at Dindigul for March and charged in my Journal for last Month.-

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pr. Collector

Madura 24th. May 1836 }

To Lieutenant S. Best Acting Civil Engineer 2d. Division Salem

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th. Ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of one from the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, together with your 2 receipts for November 1835, and January 1836, which I request you will prepare according to prescribed New forms, and present them to the above Officer for payment-

The Bills cannot be prepared in this office as the particulars are not known, otherwise I should have had pleasure in saving you the trouble-

(Signed) J. Blackburne Pr. Collector

Madura 24th. May 1836.

To The Secretary to the Committee
for the Revision of Customs and Post office
Departments
Calcutta

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the Return, shewing the Number and description of Vessels belonging to each of the Ports in this district, prepared in conformity with the instructions contained in your letter N.° 280, of 1835/36, dated the 20th. ultimo, and received on the 11th. Instant.–

Madura
24th. May 1836 }

(Signed) J Blackburne
P.° Collector

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

Agreably to the request contained in your letter of the 23d. Instant, I have the honor to forward an accurate discription roll of Pensioner William Clarke, of Madura, and beg to urge your compliance with his request for application to be made to the Secretary to Government, as provided for in the 8th. Section of the Rules, published in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 3d. February last, for the payment of this pension being transferred to the treasury of this collectorate, on the grounds of his large family and long continued habitual residence at Madura.–

(Signed) J Blackburne
P.° Collector

Madura 25th. May 1836.

Discriptive Roll of William Clarke a Pensioner now residing a Madura.

Christian and Surname	Religion Caste or Tribe.	Complexion.	Size: Feet	Size: Inches	Age: Years	Age: Months	Age: Days	Hair	Eyes.	Indeliable Marks or personal defect.	Where residing: District	Where residing: Taluk	Where residing: Village	Amount of Pension at Present drawing: Rs	a	p	Treasury at which the party wishes to draw his Pension	Remarks.
William Clarke.	Protestant Indo Briton }	Brown.	5	7.	41	2	10.	Black.	Black	Scar on the Fore head	Madura	"	"	1008	/	4.	Madura	It is understood that application was made to Mess.rs Lushington & Parish for transfer of the Payment to Madura but no notice appears to have been taken of the desire of the pensioner.–

Madura
25th. May 1836. }

(Signed) J Blackburne

Triplicate   101 / 201

This is to Certify, that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment Native Infantry, Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 12 privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st May 1836, in Charge of Treasure, arrived there on the 27th, and were liberty to return the next day.—

Madura
27th May 1836 }   (Signed) J Blackburne
                                                                 Prl Collector

To The Civil Auditor
                    Fort St George
Sir,

With reference to the Notification of the 6th instant, published in the Fort St George Gazette of the 7th (Page 287) I have the honor to forward the undermentioned detailed Statements of my Establishment, as it stood on the 30th April last.—

1. Revenue and Magisterial Establishments.
2. Sea Custom Establishment
3. Superannuated Pensioners with their age and period of Service —
4. Pensions not appertaining to any particular Establishment (now in this District)
5. List of those receiving compensation in lieu of resumed offices or Privileges. Also 3 Separate Accounts as paid for fusly 1244.

1. Sanderwared Charges
2. Charitable allowances
3. Pagoda Fees &ca

                                        (Signed) J Blackburne
                                                 Prl Collector
Madura
Teroomungalum }
28th May 1836 }

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
          of the Accountant Generals office
                    Fort St George
Sir,

I have the honor to return the Vouchers of Lieutena[nt] Best, Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division, for his personal allowances f[rom] July to December 1835, with his Signatures, which were forwarded with yo[ur]

letter of the 26th Ultimo, together with a statement prepared according to the Form therein alluded to, exhibiting the several description of allowances entered in my Journals, under the Head of Engineer Revenue, Engineer Judicial and Engineer General,

Madura }
19th May 1836 }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Officer Commanding Detachment
at
Ramnad

Sir,

I regret to have received just now your letter of the 27th Instant:- and beg to assure you nothing like disrespect is intended towards you in the mode in which your aid is requested in forwarding remittances from the coast to the Madura treasury:-

A written requisition from me would cause me much additional correspondence with the native revenue servants, would involve a slight delay, which might, on various occasions, be greatly inconvenient to me, and would swell the records unnessarily

The long continuance of the present mode is an argument in favor of its convenience.-

If you insist on written requisitions my convenience shall willingly be made subservient to the respectability of your situation.-

I take the liberty of observing the translate of instructions issued by me to the salt Tahsildar, inclosed in your letter, has no reference whatever to the usual individual application for a treasury escort, and his so willingly furnishing you with copies of any instructions of mine, is an additional assurance to me he will never be wanting in proper respect to the officer Commanding at Ramnad.—

Madura
Tirumungalom }
29th May 1836. }

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

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To The Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government loan have been received during the last week.

Madura 31st May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Collector

Exchange for Company's Rupees - - - - - - - - - 1 -

To The Collector of Trichinopoly

Sir,

At ten days sight please to pay to the Officer Commanding H. M. 54th Regiment at Trichinopoly or his order the sum of one anna, being the amount remaining from the Batta paid for the Subscription of Private Charles McLead, a desertor from his corps, which sum will be credited to you under the head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura 31st May 1836 } (Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Collector

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have removed the seperate entry under "Sayer Charges" and the alteration under "Land Revenue Charges" in my Journal, as directed in your letter of the 23d. Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Collector

Madura 31st May 1836 }

To The President and Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward the return of Tahsildars Employed in this District, as requested in your letter of the 16th. instant, received

(Signed) J Blackburne Pr. Collector

Madura }

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to return the Voucher of Lieutenant Shaw, duly countersigned by the Senior Acting Civil Engineer, as directed in your letter of the 12th instant, received 16th.—

Madura
31st May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have, this day, drawn upon you a Bill, in favor of the Officer Commanding H.M. 54th Regiment at Trichinopoly, at 10 days sight for the sum of one anna, being the amount remaining from the Batta paid for the Subsistance of Private Charles McLeod, a deserter from the corps, which sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".—

Madura
31st May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the undermentioned statements for the actual expenditure of works performed for the repairs of Tanks and Watercourses &ca. in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul for the year 1835.

No. 1 and 2. Statements of ordinary repairs, together with an Abstract, exhibiting the works performed from 1st January to 12th July, and from 13th July to 31st December 1835 Rs.	14992-6-"
Account particular of Batta paid to the pensioned Sepoys stationed at the Public Bungalows on the high road	231-14-3.
Statement of Extraordinary repairs	1225-10-"
Statement of works performed for repairing the high roads &ca.	1021-3-7.
Account particular of workmen employed from repairing the high roads &ca.	122-2-"
Total	17599-6-10.

Madura
31st May 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

To The Officer Commanding
H. M. 54th Regiment
Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to Enclose a Bill on the Collector of Trichinopoly for the Sum of One anna, being the amount remaining from the Batta paid for the Subsistence of Private Charles McLeod, a deserter from your Corps, and beg to request its acknowledgement.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
31st May 1836

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to Submit Copy of Lieutenant J. Bests Abstract for June 1834 and to inform you that as the amount of Rupees 101-12-- alluded to in your letter of the 23d was deducted from it, as having been drawn from the Principal Collector of Malabar, the same has been credited in my Accounts.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
31st May 1835

To Captain Faber
Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division
Coimbatore

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will recover a fine of one Rupee from your Servant for carrying away the only two Guglets (value about 2 annas) in the public bungalow at Tirumungalam, at the time you were there.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
31st May 1836

To The Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the quotations made in my journal for April 1836, I have the honor to forward a Voucher in Support of the

of the payments made to Captain C. E. Faber Acting Civil Engineer 4th Dn, on Account of his personal Civil Allowance in Arrears for March last.—

(Signed) J. Blackburne
pr Collector

Madura
31st May 1836

Civil Engineers Department.

The Honorable Company ——— Dr.

To Captain C. E. Faber Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division for his personal Civil allowances in Arrears for the Month of March 18..

Civil Salary	350 .. ..
Tentage for 27 days at 4 Rupees per diem	108 .. ..
Total Madras Rupees	458 .. ..

(Signed) C. E. Faber Captain
Actg Civil Engr 4th Dn

Received this 11th day of April 1836, from the Honorable Company through the Collector of Tinnevelly the above mentioned sum of Madras Rupees Fourhundred and fifty Eight.—

(Signed) C. E. Faber Captain
Actg Civil Engr 4th Dn

No pay Certificate is procurable, the present being the first issue of Civil Pay, having joined the 4th Division on the 1st March 1836.—

Paid 11th April 1836.
(Signed) A Eden
Collector

To The Civil Auditor
Fort St George

Sir,

With reference to the quotations made in my Journal for April 1836, I have the honor to forward a voucher in Support of the payments made to Captain C. E. Faber Acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, on Account of Pay and allowances of the Establishment under him, in Arrears for March last.—

Madura
31st May 1836.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) J Blackburne
pr Collector

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To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward the abstract Statement, called for in your letter of the 16th Ultimo, received yesterday, as far as I understand it, in the form prescribed, but I request you will be so good as to inform me the difference between the "Huzzoor Station" & "Principal Station of his Charge". When I was one day in the Sub Collector's division and 10 days in the Ramnad Zemindary I have entered them as being "without any Division" because in the first case it was expressly in the Sub Collectorate, & in the Second, because the details of the Salt, Sayer, & Sea Customs, and Superintendance of the police, are under the Acting Head Assistant, and the revenue under the direct control of the Zemindar. I would beg to request your Instructions for my future guidance, for it seems to me that so long as I am within the united Collectorate, I cannot be out of my Division -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
1st June 1806

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Para 1st. I have, this Morning, had the honor to receive your instructions of the 20th Ulto. to report the Amount that may be expected from the Composition of the Moturpha tax, and my sentiments in the measure, & desiring my report so speedily, that it might, if determined on, be reimposed at the commencement of next Fusly

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2. When the abolition of the customs came to be canvassed, I anticipated the probability of your wishes for the reimposition of this tax, and have considered the records on the subject, tho not sufficiently to offer my final opinion. I am preparing to reconsider the subject carefully and, mean time, beg to state that if you are satisfied with Mr. Vincash's last report of the 9th May 1832, there can be no insuperable difficulties to its reimposition at the time you wish. Mr. Vincash, however, fixed his proposed rates on the tax, formerly paid during the Nawaub's Government. I should prefer to be favored with the rates in force in the neighbouring Districts of Tanjore, Tinnevelly, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore, and so fix the rates with reference to them, & the circumstances of the country.

The collection of these Accounts, after being furnished with them, could not I think be ready by the 12th July.

Madura
1st June 1835

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l Coll^r

To the Principal Collector
of Tanjaur

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information copy of an address from the Salt Amildar of this district reporting the resources of decrease in the sale of Salt in the current year, and I trust you will give it your mature deliberation.

Madura
1st June 1835

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l Collector

To the Accountant in the Revenue Depart^t
of the Account^t Genl's office

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Mem^o of further remarks

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remarks on the Salt transactions of this Collectorate for May 1835, with the necessary replies thereon, forwarded with your letter of the 12th Ultimo—

Madura
1st June 1836
(Signed) J. R. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

To the Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir,

Being instructed to reserve to the Govt. the power of cancelling the rents of the Customs, at any period of the year, on a previous Notice of two Months, I have the honor to request you will procure from the highest bidders, in your division, an obligation to that effect; should any of them demur to give it, I request you will be so good as to exonerate them from their responsibility, and resell their purchase with the stipulation fully understood.

If you are under the necessity of reselling any of your rents, the accompanying Copy of a Notice I have this day issued to the bidders for Madura, may be of use in removing any doubts that may arise in your mind—

The Contingency of cancelling the rents depends on the report now under preparation by the Committee for Custom and Post office Revision in Calcutta.

These orders were only received by me this Morning—

Madura
7th June 1836
(Signed) J. R. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Memorandum

The Principal Collector concludes that all bidders for the rent of the Customs of Ramnad, will be in attendance on receipt of this this day, and he, therefore, requests the Acting Head Assistant will assemble those to whom the [illegible] have been given, & informing them that they

they can only be confirmed with a reservation to the Govt. to cancel them after a two months notice, to require them to enter into an obligation of acquiescence, the extent of remission to be allowed being exactly 1/12 of the whole rent for each month cancelled.

If the highest bidders refuse to acquiesce, the acting Head Assistant is requested to recall all the speculators, and offer the rents anew under these stipulations.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
1st June 1820

No. 2 Exchange for Company's Rupees 2000

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from J. Blackburne Esqre., Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said Sum to Messrs. Binny & Co. but not to their order, as per advice from

Sir
Your Most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
1st June 1820

To the Accountant in the Revenue
Dept. of the Accountt. Genl. Office

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of your letter of the 30th Ultimo and its Enclosures.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
2d June 1820

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

Para 1st. From your Circular of the 5th Ultimo, the wish of Govt. to equalize the allowances of all Prinl. Collectors

Collectors, at the rate of 36000 Rs per Annum, is
shewn - but that no one may be sufferer by this
decision, the present allowances and average
of 3 years Commission is allowed to persons in
full appointment, previous to the 21st March,
and I trust I am not mistaken in thinking
that where a Prin.l Collector would be a gainer
by the consolidated allowance, it never was the
intention of Govt. to deprive him of the benefit of
that rule.

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Ncalm. 4658-5-7
3540-5-7.

2 By the accompanying Copy of a Mem.
from the Civil Auditor, I shall be entitled to only
35108-5-7 per Annum, if I am to receive only the
average of the last three years Commission - but
had no change whatever taken place, it is probable
from the progressing increase of Extra Revenue,
that my allowances would not fall generally
short of 36000 Rs per Annum - this, however, cannot
be urged with any weight, as the reverse might
happen.

3. Under these Circumstances I hope you will
recommend to Govt. that I be allowed to draw the
consolidated rate of allowance from the end of March
last -

My Head Assistant, you will observe, +
benefits by the average of three years Extra Commission

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Coll.

Madura
3d June 1826

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the 2 Receipts
granted to Sashagherry Row, and Strenevapsa dgengar
duly discharged, as directed in your letter of the
19th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collector

Madura

To the Acting Judge in the Zillah
of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to forward 2 Extracts from the Memorandum of remarks, in my Accounts for September & October 1835, received from the Accountant General, & request your early reply thereto.

Madura
3d June 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit a list of the family of a deceased yeomiahdar, and to state that when the Petitioner, Abdool Rezack, claimed renewal of the yeomiah No. 72, as heir of Shaik Meerah, deceased, on the 2d July 1835, I declined compliance with his request, on the grounds that it was entered in Mr. Hurdis's list, for praying only, and in that list which was recommended for life enjoyment only.

Dated 3d Feby. 1812

But as it is entered in No. 1 of Mr. Parish's list, and the Petitioner has produced an original Firmaun, of which I have the honor to forward transcript & translation, it would appear that the yeomiah is for lighting up a Mosque &c. and which is also proved by the report of the Tahsildar of Mandacolum, of the 3d Septr. 1835, I beg to recommend its renewal, with Arrears, from the 2d July 1835, the date of late Incumbent's death.

Dated 9th Novr. 1804

translate forward

Madura
4th June 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

List of the Relations of a Deceased Yeomeadar recommended for the Continuance of the Yeomiah allowance in the Districts of Madura & Dindigul

Former Yeomeahdar	Present Claimant	Relationship to the deceased	Allowance per day	For what purpose Granted	When discon-tinued	Remarks	Remarks of the Board	Orders of Governt.
Shaik Meerah	Abdoolla-razah	Son, Aged 19 years	7 Cully fanam	For praying & lighting a Mosque	2d July 1835	The deceased has left, besides this Son, a daughter Sied Beebee, Aged 17 years, & her Son, Ayman Shaw, one year old; a Brother, Meer Mahomed, of 70 years, & his Wife, Rufeed Beebee, of 45 years; the whole family of 5 persons, possessing no means beyond the Yeomiah for their Support. The Principal Collector recommends the Continuance of the Pension to the party because it seems an heredi-tary Service Yeomiah.	R.	

Madura 6th June 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Mahomed Ahmed Khan
Ganjee Dautchashaw
Samud Ying Manfuz
Khan Bahader

Know all Mootteseddies, at present Employed, and who may hereafter be Employed, in the Talook of Madura, of the Trichinopoly Zillah, of Hydrabad Soubah—

Agreeably to the Sunnud of my Elder Brother, Mulck Sheraz Cowlah Behauder, Granting to Shaik Meeran, Uckdar, One Madura Cully fanam, a day, for fur-:nishing Oil for lighting up a Mosque in Olagany Village of Thirmungalum Purganah of the Madura Talook; the following has, Accordingly, been determined—

Therefore you will, on receipt of this Pur-:wanah, pay daily, without fail, to the abovesaid Yeo-:miahdar, the abovesaid yomiah allowance, from the Sayer R proceeds, of the Tirmungalum Purganah, of the Madura Talook; with which he will furnish Oil for lighting up the Mosque, and Maintain himself, and Continue to offer up his prayers to the Almighty, for the health and prosperity of the Nawab: Consider this to be a strict Order, and Act as above Stated. Written on the 22d. Moharum of the 1169 Sun Higiree—

1st. The Underneath particulars of the Purwanah is Entered in the Sawal paper with Signature and remarks—

Directed to grant in the Name of Shaik Meeran, Uckdar, One Cully fanam, a day, from the Sayer proceeds of the Thirmungalum Purganah, of Madura, for furnishing Oil, for lighting up a Mosque, in Olagany Village—

2d. Ordered to grant a Sunnud with the Signature of the presence—

Received an Address from Thoulsinnund Khan Fougdar, & Moostageer, of Madura Talook,

Reporting the loss of the Sunnud granted by Sheraz Cowlah Bahader, Authorizing to grant to Shaik Meeran, Uckdar, One Cully fanam, a day for furnishing Oil, for

lighting

lighting up a Mosque, in Alagany Village, of the
Tirmungalum Talook Parganah - the address of the
Fouzdar has been received at the Huzoor, and
solicits the pleasure of the presence for another sunnud,
with signature of the presence -

Ordered accordingly on the 6th Mahorum of the
1169 Sun Hegiree, and registered in the Hoozoor
Duftur.

Registered in the Moonshee's Duftors, on the
6th Mahorum of the 1169 Sun Hegiree.

3d Registered in the Dewan's Duftors on the 6th
Mahorum of the 1169. Sun Hegiree -

(True translation)

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Coll.

No. 820.

Translation of a Report from Tirmul Rao Tasl.dr
of Maudaculum -

I have duly received your Endorsements
of the 7th August on Petition No. 399, presented by Meer
Mahomed Cathub, brother of Shaik Cooran Katheeb,
Yeomeah dar, No. 72, who died on the 2d July, soliciting
continuance of the Yeomeah of one Cully fanam, &
allowed to his deceased Brother, for the support of a
Mosque, and praying that it may be continued in the
name of his Nephew, Abdoollah rajah; and directing
R me to enquire & report whether it is necessary to
continue it; if the Claimant has any lands or other
property, besides the allowance; the number of his
family & their ages; & if the allowance is defrayed
for the support of a Mosque, or for themselves -

In obedience I have made an Enquiry, and
find that the Yeomiah of 1 Cully fanam was granted
for lighting a Mosque, in Perea Alagany Village, in
Tirmungalum Talook, for extra ceremonies, and for
praying, and the remainder, for the maintenance of the

deceased

deceased, & his family — that the Petitioner is younger Brother to the deceased, and has performed the duties of the Mosque — that deceased has left a daughter, Sied Beebee, aged 17 years, & her Son, Ryman Shaw Cawder, aged one year; the deceased's Brother, the Petitioner, aged 77 years; & his (deceased's) Elder Brother's Son, Abdoolruzak, aged 19 years; & the Petitioner's wife Auffool Beebee aged 45 years; in all 5 persons: & that they have no other means, besides the yeomiah:— I beg to forward verifications from Annaycoottey Iyen, Kuttamcar of Olagany; Meer Goolam Madeen, Sub. of Madura — Meer Synoolaubdeen, Yeomiahdar No. 88; & Ramogeen Khan Yomiahdar No. 57: and from Abdul Ryman, & Huffeez thereof, Neighbours of Petitioner, together with a list of the family & the original Petition.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princ. Collr.

Madura
3d Sept. 1835

To the Post Master General
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 26th Ulto., I beg to call to your recollection that Vimbacottah is in Tinnevelly, and that my Superintendence of the Post route extends only as far as Thoppoolnaick Kunnam. Between that place and Madura, the delays were, on the 12th Ulto., 1/4 of an hour; on the 13th & 14th none; on the 15th, half an hour; on the 16th, a quarter; and on the 17th none; which was duly noticed to the Post office Writer of Madura on the 19th. This would shew that the delay you complain of exists principally within the Tinnevelly District; but having ascertained, by careful attention, how entirely incapable the Post office Writers & Gomastahs, are by

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from large towns, are of approximating to the hour
at which the posts arrive & depart. I only venture
to rebut the Complaint of delay on the written
returns before me - little as I believe them worthy
of truth: my assistant, Mr. Silver, gives his best
attention to prevent delays within this District,
and he is too Careful in the execution of his duty
ever to want my most ready Co operation and
advice -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

Madura
4th June 1836

To the Principal Collector
Of Coimbatore

Sir,

The Merchants of your District in the
habit of importing Salt into it from Madura, having,
up to May of this year, carried off less by 1100 Rs. worth,
I am led to fear the illicit sale of earth salt may be
again carried on to extent, particularly in Dharapooram,
as was said to be the case some years ago - I shall
feel much obliged by your allowing your Tahsildars
to ascertain the cause of the Merchants ceasing to resort
to ascertain the cause of the Merchants ceasing to resort
to the coast of Madura & informing me -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

Madura
5th June 1836

To the Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to report that no
referred Petitions have been disposed of by me in last
Month, None remaining to be disposed of -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

Madura
5th June 1836

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscrip-
tions to the Govt. Loan have been received during the last
week

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin.l Collr.

Madura 6th June 1836

To the Principal Collector
of Coimbatore

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Duplicate Bills of C. P. Thompson Esqre, Assistant Judge & Joint Criminal Judge at Coimbatore, for the Amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on Account of his Salary for May 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit on his Account to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collrs"

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		Rs. a. p.
Salary for May 1836		1400 - " - "
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6 per Cent		84 - " - "
	Rs.	1316 - " - "

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
5th June 1836

Triplicate

	Dr. Rs. a. p.
The Honorable Company To my allowance as Assist. Judge & Joint Criminal Judge in the Zillah of Salem, at Coimbatore, for the Month of May 1836	1400 - " - "
Deduct Amount of Subscription to the Civil Fund at 6 per Cent	84 - " - "
Nett Amount Rupees	1316 - " - "

Madura
Zillah Court
1st June 1836

(Signed) C. P. Thompson
Acting Judge

Received, this 4th day of June 1836, from the Honorable Company, thro' the Prin. Collector of Madura, the above mentioned Sum of Company's Rupees One thousand Three hundred & Sixteen.

(Signed) C. P. Thompson
Acting Judge

Paid 5th June 1836

To the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Duplicate Bills of D. B. Linond Esqre, Assistant Collector of your District, for the Amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on Account of his Salary &c. for May 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit on his Account, to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

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Salary for May 1836		350 - " - "
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6¼ per Cent	Rs.	21 . 4 - "
		328 - 2 - "
Add Tent Allce.	Rs.	42 . " - "
for Do.		
House Rent for Do.		35 - " - "
Total		405 - 2 - "

Madura
6th June 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collector

Memo.

When the Sub Collector sends two Dhuloyets to await the entrance of the Acting Civil Engineer into the district, on the 17th Instant, he is requested to direct them to carry with them, for that officer, Rs 426-10-8, which Sum the Taudycomboo Tahsildar has been directed to pay into the hands of the Dhuloyets, on receiving instruction from the Sub Collector -

Madura 8th June 1836 | (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin. Collr.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Sum of 4 Rs., mentioned in the Memo. annexed to your letter of the 12th Ultimo, has been recovered from Lieut. Best and will be Credited in my Accounts for the Current Month -

Madura 8th June 1836 | (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin. Collr.

To the Accountant
in the Rev. Department of the
Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the usual abstract of the Pensions in duplicate, for March 1836, as requested by your letter of the 3rd Instant, received yesterday, and to state that they would have been forwarded, as usual, had it not been for my misapprehension of your letter of the 8th April last, directing me to forward all Bills immediately on their payment, accompanied by a Register, which was accordingly done -

Madura 7th June 1836 | (Signed) J. Blackburne Prin. Collr.

To the Collector of Rajamundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of J. W. Goodwyn & Register

Register to the Zillah Court of your District, for the Amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on Account of his Salary & House rent, for May 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, & credit, on his Account to the Civil Fund; I request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collectors"

Salary for May 1836 . . 525 - . .
Deduct Civil Fund @ 6¼ per Cent . . 32 - 13 - .
492 - 3 - .
House rent for Do. . . 35 - . .
Rupees . 527 - 3 - .

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
7th June 1836

To the Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Memo. of the Amount proposed as a proper outlay for Imar(ra)=ment for the year 1837, as requested in your letter of the 16th Ultimo: you are aware, of course, that many emmergencies may arise to make me depart widely from it.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
7th June 1836

Memorandum Shewing the Amount proposed for Imarra=ment for the year 1837 in the Districts of Madura & Dindygul

Talooks	Amount		
	Rs.	a	p
Mandacolum	5000	"	"
Teroomungalum	2500	"	"
Melur	4000	"	"
Tandecomboo	1500	"	"
Iyempully	2000	"	"
Thin Kurray	3000	"	"
Nellacottah	2000	"	"
Maroongapoory	1000	"	"
Total	21000	"	"

Madura
7th June 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

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To Lieutenant J. Shaw
2d Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, for the Sum of Company's Rupees (56), being the Amount of Pay of your Establishment for May 1836, and beg to request its acknowledgement -

(Signed) J Blackburne -
Prinl. Collector

Madura
8th June 1836 -

Exchange for Company's Rupees - 56 - - -

To the Principal Collector of
Coimbatore -

Sir,

At sight, please to pay to Lieutt. J. C. Shaw, 2d Assistant Civil Engineer, 4th Division, or his order, the Sum of Company's Rupees Fifty Six, being the amount of Pay of his establishment for May 1836, which Sum will be credited to you, under the Hd. of Remittances & Transfers between Collectors -

(Signed) J Blackburne,
Pl. Collr.

Madura
8th June 1836 -

To the Principal Collector of Coimbatore -

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have, this day, drawn upon you, a Bill in favor of Lieutenant J. C. Shaw, 2d Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division, at sight, for the Sum of Company's Rupees Fifty Six, being the amount of Pay of his establishment for May 1836, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances & Transfers between Collect[ors]

(Signed) J Blackburne,
Pl. Collr.

Madura
8th June 1836 -

To the Inspector General
of Civil Estimate
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Abstract Statement of Works of public Utility Constructed by Individuals, at their private Cost, in this District, as requested in your letter of the 23d October 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
8th June 1836

To the President & Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

1. On the 25th, I had the honor to receive your letter of the 19th Ultimo, together with your Boards Remarks, & the orders of Government, on the irrecoverable balances of Sayer and Abkary up to 31st March last.

2. I have had the pleasure to write off the balance, & beg to report, for the information of Government, that I have published their indulgence, by beat of Tamtom, & affixed Notification particularly to my own Cutcherry, those of the Talooks, in which the defaulters reside, and at that of the present renter; and directed Copy extract to be furnished to each individual defaulter.

2dly That security, as shown in the Statement accompanying my letter of the 8th September last, was taken in every Case from fusly 1237 to 1241; a measure rendered unnecessary in 1242 and 1243, by the deposit of two Months Rents: and to meet the question, that may possibly arise, as to how a balance Can occur where a Deposit has been made, or security given

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I will take the liberty of here mentioning the difficulties a Collector had to contend with in such cases:- Rents of Sayer and Abkary are rarely undertaken by men of Wealth, responsibility and character; but by men, seeking to make money rapidly, if their speculation be successful, or at all events to secure a present maintenance for themselves & followers:- If a two Months Deposit be made, & the speculator fails, the Collector's only Course is to resume the rent, and manage the Collections of the Customs, by his own servants, for the failure of the bidder at once warns other speculators against bidding at a resale; and the records of Government will shew the immense disparity of revenue under the renting & Collecting (by Government servants) System:- If security was taken, the verification of Competency included as well the real as personal property, which, though amply Competent at the time of appraisement, was generally found insufficient when the sale was determined upon, and this arose from two Causes; personal property became deteriorated, or was made away with; whilst real property was found to have so many prior claims upon it as to render the abandonment of the sale imperative:- The orders from, or thro', the Board of Revenue have done much towards rendering all accepted securities available where there orders are fully acted upto; but they seem to me, at the same time, to have restricted one from accepting of the almost only good and procurable security, vizt. real property:- If Government were pleased to enact a Regulation declaring that if within six weeks, after the full publication of real property, tendered in security to Government, by persons actually in possession, prior claimants on such property do not state their claim to the revenue authority,+ it shall not afterwards be admitted in bar to the published claim of Government, the realization of the amount assured would be reduced almost to

4th July 1828
12th Decr 1831
18th Augt 1834
& 27th April 1835

+ or thro' Civil Courts if preferred

to a Certainty, as personal property has already been prohibited unless given in pledge without leaving the owner power to remove it, and which necessarily includes the prohibition of accepting Cattle or livestock in security-

3dly That to secure the realization of the rents for the Current year I have adopted all the precautions allowed by Government, and fulfilled to the best of my power the instructions of the Board of Revenue; and from the favorable state of the season and advanced period of the rent I can almost venture to predict every rupee will be Collected-

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura }
9th June 1836 }

To the Inspecter General
of Civil Estimate
Fort St. George

Sir,

In reference to my letter of the 12th. Ultimo I have the honor to forward a Statement of the Muramut Works in progress in this district up to the end of last Month-

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura }
9th June 1836 }

To the Board of Revenue
Fort St George.

Gentlemen

With reference to your Circular of the 23d. Ultimo (Recd 28th) annexing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, under date 19th Jany, I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the European Medical Officer, of the Examination made of the only individual, holding Medical service Yomeah, in this District-

A few other individuals have Manyams in the Villages for Curing the bites of Snakes, and other Venomous insects, but they being

of

of a very trifling Nature not exceeding 20 fanams ℔ Annum, I did not Consider it worth while to direct them to attend for Examination, they being Classed with Village Servants.

(Signed) J Blackburne.
Pr Collector

Madura
10th June 1836

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St George

Gentlemen,

Para 1. On the 14th Ultimo I had the honor to receive your Circular of the 21st April, together with extract from a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 25th January last, and in Conformity to the instructions therein Contained, beg leave to forward the two statements, A and B, Shewing the decennial average of the Revenue, and charges of the Hindoo & Mahamedan religious establishments of this District.

2. In the forms now forwarded, the three items of Pagodas, Mosques, and Muddums only appear; whilst in the statements on this subject, lately furnished you, were added Chottrums and 4 other Items: and I have ventured to add them, under separate totals, in Case your Board should have occasion for the information.

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3. The Rupees 25,454-8-9-, entered in Col: 3 of statement B is the Converted Amount of 12,000 Cully chukrums, granted by Issuff Khan in Fusly 1167, in lieu of ~~the~~ lands ~~---~~ assumed from the seven Pagodas of Meenatchee Soondra Eshwarer &ca, and which has been always paid by the Co, under Mr Hurdis' recommendation of the 27th January 1802, para 33-; and as this assumption of the land took place in Fusly 1167, so many years before the Co's Rule, I have not thought proper to enter their revenues ~~----~~. in Col: 2. statement A and Col: 1 statement B:- but that your Board may not be at a loss for information on the point I beg to state the average Amount of those assumed lands from Fusly 1233 to 42 was Rupees. 57,260-5-3-

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4. The amount inserted in Col: 1 Statement B is the average produce of lands of the other pagodas, assumed during the Co.s Rule, but which have not been incorporated with the Government lands: And the amount entered in Col: 2 of the same Statement, is the sum allowed for the Charges of the Pagodas &ca, the Surplus being carried to the Credit of Government, under the Head of "Receipts and Charges "not belonging to Revenue" as shown in para 8 of my letter of the 24th March 1834.

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5. Columns 5, 6, and 7 Statement B, Shew the amount produce of the Pagodas &ca in the Ramnad and Shevagungah Zemindaries, and of other petty Zemindaries, under my temporary management, as also of the Cuttages (endowments by Individuals) the Surplus Revenue of which is never carried to the Credit of Government.

6. The Amount Credited to Government from the Pagoda lands, assumed during the Co.s Rule, appears in Col: 18, Statement A: in addition to which the amount forming a permanent annual net profit to Government from the seven pagoda lands, assumed by Issuff Khan, prior to the Co.s Rule, and after deduction of the annual gratuity of Rupees 25,454 - 8 - 9 - is on the decennial average no less than Rupees 31,805 - 12 - 6 -

7. There are no Charges in this Collectorate of the Nature designed in Col: 15 Statement A.

8 I cannot Conclude my Report on this Subject, without stating my Conviction that the Contemplated withdrawal of Government interference, when carried into execution, will be followed by misrule fraud and overwhelming debt, and the subsequent total abandonment of the Ceremonial parts of the Hindoo Religion; and I may very safely Assert that the Government interference as far as it extents gives universal satisfaction in this Collectorate.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr Collr

[...]dura 6th June 1836.

To the President & Members of the
Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

Para 1. On the 23rd, I had the honor to receive extract from your Proceedings of the 19th Ultimo, requiring further information on the Subject of the Sheva-gungah Moturpha on 3 points -

2. First requiring explanation by reference to Records, and accounting for the disparity between the Amount assigned by Mr Peter, and that by Mr Lushington alluded to by Mr. Vincash - And to this I confess my-self unable to furnish, from the Sources pointed out, any further explanation than that Submitted in the 3d para of my letter of the 30th March last; but in the latter part of the following para: I suggested the only means that occurred to me of being able to ascertain the truth -

3. Secondly In obedience to Your requisition, I have the honor to forward original Maratta Memo: with translate of the Items, for the remission of which the Zemindar Claims an equivalent, to the amount of Rupees 18,268: The original Memo: you will observe was made up in this Cutcherry, and probably from the verbal statement of the Zemindar's agent.

4- On the 3d point I beg leave to state that if it was in Consequence of the Ramnad Zemindar's gaining great profit from the exchange, on the introduction, by Government, of a new Currency, that his Claim to Moturpha was relinquished, that very argument is now strong in favor of his reimbursement, as your Board will find your approval of his being deprived of it by Mr Gleig, recorded in your proceedings of the 20th April 1828; a reference to which will equally shew the Zemindar of Shevagunga labouring under a similar prohibition -

(signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura
11th June 182[illegible]

To the Judge of
Madura

Sir,
I have the honor to furnish Copies of the documents required in the Motion, No. 482 of 1836, on the 3 Stamp papers, which accompanied your letter of the 9th instant.

Madura
14th June 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To the Principal Collector of
Salem

Sir,
Not having as yet been favored with an answer to my letter of the 26th April last, I have the honor to forward Copy of one from the Accountant General which induces me to trouble you again.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
14th June 1836

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to inform You that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Madura
14th June 1836

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,
With reference to Your Circular, under date the 2d Instant (received 14th) Annexing Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 24th March last, I have the honor to forward an Indent for the Quantity of Bark & Quinine required for disposal in this District.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
15th June 1836

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Indent for Bark and Quinine for Sale in the Talooks of Madura and Dindigul Districts.

Talooks.	Bark	Value			Quinine	Value not known		
	ounces	Rs.	A.	P.	ounces	Rs.	A.	P.
Madura								
For Maudacolum	50	9	6	..	10	..	..	..
" Teroomungalom	50	9	6	..	10	..	..	..
" Mellore	50	9	6	..	10	..	..	..
Dindigul								
" Taudicomboo	50	9	6	..	10	..	..	..
" Iyempolly	100	18	12	..	20	..	..	..
" Shenkurray	50	9	6	..	10	..	..	..
" Nellacottah	50	9	6	..	10	..	..	..
" Maroongapoory	50	9	6	..	10	..	..	..
" Ramnad	150	28	2	..	20	..	..	..
" Shevagunga	120	22	8	..	20	..	..	..
	720	135	..	..	130	..	..	..

Madura 15th June 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne.

To the Acting Treasurer
in the Zillah Court of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one Thousand Rupees, forwarded with your letter of Yesterday's date, to be deposited in my Treasury.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
15th June 1836.

E. Bannerman Esqre.

Dr.

To amount of your share of Quit rent for the Year 1835, on account of Ground occupied by a dwelling house, belonging to you near Madura, being portion of the Ground for which a Company's Grant was obtained in the name of H. F. Newlyn Esqre on the 1st August 1818 for the Annual rent of Rupees 62-7-5 .... Rupees 39-6-9

Madura 15th June 1836.
(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To the Judge in the Zillah of
Madura

Sir,

With reference to my return to the Courts precept, dated 6th January 1836 in M. P. No. 7 of 1836, I have not yet been favored with the resolution of the Court, regarding power vested with the Collector under Section XI Regulation X of 1822, which empowers him to enforce his decision. I have therefore, at the request of the Party in O. S. No. 106 of 1835, issued an order to enforce the decree passed by me on the 20th June last.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
16th June 1836

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

The Stanegals of the Terrochana Pagoda, in Chuttum, of the Melur Talook, having represented the Pagoda as in a ruinous state I directed the Tahsildar to proceed personally to inspect it. He has forwarded an Estimate amounting to Rupees 310 and 14 annas.

The Villages belonging to this Pagoda, were assumed by Mr. Hurdis in fusly 1211, and the accompanying statement will shew their Revenue, the amount charges, and the surplus carried to the Credit of Government during the last 10 years: and as the repairs are absolutely necessary, I request your Board will obtain the sanction of Government for disbursing the amount from the public funds for that purpose.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collector

Madura
17th June 1836.

Statement Shewing the Revenue of the Villages allotted for the Teroochana Pagoda in Nuttum of the Melur Talook, the amount of Charges, and the Surplus Carried to the Credit of Government, during the last 10 Years in the Madura District

Fuslies	Amount Settlement Rs	A	P	Deduct amount paid for the Charges of the Pagoda Rs	A	P	Surplus Carried to Credit of Government Rs	A	P
1236	1581	10	8	428	7	9	1154	2	11
1237	1681	5	5	428	7	9	1252	13	8
1238	1485	15	11	429	7	9	1057	8	2
1239	1287	..		428	7	9	858	8	3
1240	1638	4	11	428	7	9	1209	13	2
1241	1596	..	10	428	7	9	1167	9	1
1242	1596	7	5	428	7	9	1167	15	8
1243	1647	10	..	428	7	9	1219	2	3
1244	1734	12	3	428	7	9	1306	4	6
1245	1785	15	7	428	7	9	1357	7	10
Total	16036	3	..	4284	13	6	11751	5	6
Average	1603	9	11	428	7	9	1175	2	2

Madura 17th June 1836.
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

To the Judge of Madura

Sir

As requested in your letter of the 13th Instant, I have the honor to furnish Copies of the documents, required by the Pauper Plaintiff in O. S. N. 21 of 1832, as described in the enclosed Tamul list

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl Collr

Madura
17th June 1836

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copies of two Statements in part

part of the documents required by your letter of the 11th which was not recd till the 14th Instant.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
17th June 1836.

To Lieutenant J. Shaw
2d Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division

Sir,

The Accountant General having Called for an explanation as to where the amount of Rupees 175 being your allowances for December 1835 were drawn, and as this amount does not appear charged in my Accounts, I request you will be good enough to afford me the necessary explanation for the information of that officer.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
18th June 1836.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Departt.
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return the Memo: of Remarks, with the necessary replies on the Accounts of the Civil Engineers, forwarded with your letter of the 3d instant, & to state that the 2 Bills for the Allowances of Captain Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, & Lieutt. Shaw 2d Assistant, for March last, quoted in my Journal for April, as sent to Your Office, have already been forwarded to you on the 31st Ultimo.

In explanation to the 3d para, I have to state that the Bill, for the personal Allowances of Lieutt. S. Best, late acting Civil Engineer, for January last, not being as yet presented to me for payment, the amount has not

been

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Circular Order to the Post Office Writers of this district

It being the intention of the Bombay Government to despatch the Honorable Company Cruizer, Zephreater, with an overland Mail to the Red Sea, on the 1st Proximo; you will, in obedience to the instructions Contained in a letter from the Post Master General, at Madras, of the 13th Instant, levy on each single letter intended for transmission, by the overland mail, the overland Postage of One Rupee, in addition to the Regulated inland postage thence, to Bombay.

(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Collector

Battalagoonta
Madura
18th June 1836

been Charged in the Account -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P^l. Collr.

Madura
18th. June 1836.

To the Accountant General -
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 2 Promissory Notes, No. 16384, and 16385, forwarded with Your letter of the 13th. Instant, received Yesterday -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P^l. Collr.

Madura
18th. June 1836.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to Your letter, bearing date 8th. April last, I have the honor to forward Vouchers in support of the Payments made by me, on account of other Departments of this Presidency, as described in the accompanying list -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P^l. Collr.

Madura
18th. June 1836.

Register of Vouchers on which payments have been made on account of the Departments & Governments from the Treasury of the P^l. Collr. of the Districts of Madura & Dindigul

Date of the Vouchers	Date on which payments were made	To whom paid	Amount		
1836 May 5th.	1836 May 5th	Captain J. E. Sober Acting Civil Engineer 4th. Dn. for April 1836	462	..	..
		------	474	..	..
June 7th.	June 7th.	Do. Do. for May 1836			
May 11th.	May 11th.	Lieut. J. C. Shaw 3d. Assist. Civil Engineer 4th. Dn. for April -	166	..	..
		Company's Rupees -	1102	..	..

Madura 18th. June 1836

E. E. (Signed) J. Blackburne
P^l. Collr.

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue -
Fort St. George -

Gentlemen

A Gomastah of the Sub Collector Office having appealed to me against the decision of a fine of Rs. 3-5-5, imposed upon him, by that officer under Regulation 9 of 1822, and as I have had occasion to reverse the decision and remit the fine, I have the honor to request that the amount, which has been entered in the Accounts of January last, may be ordered to be paid back to the appellant -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
18th June 1836 -

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

In Compliance with the wishes, expressed in your letter of the 15th Instant (received last Night) I beg leave to return the Promissory note, that accompanied it, endorsed in the name of Mr. Eden, Collector of Tinnevelly, for the time being, and to inform you that I have paid into the Treasury of the Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees 42 - 9 - 7, for which I have been forwarded with his receipt -

(Signed) J Blackburne

Madura

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in your favor, as Collector for the time being, at sight, for the Sum of Company's Rupees Forty Two Annas Nine and Pice Seven, being the amount of one year's Interest on a Bengal promissory Note for Sicca Rupees 1000 -

inadvertently

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inadvertently paid to Mr. Blackburne's Agents at Madras, in lieu of another Promissory note, by the Accountant General, which Sum will be credited to You under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura
20th June 1836

Exchange for Company's Rupees 42-9-7-

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to the Collector of Tinnevelly for the time being the Sum of Company's Rupees. Forty two, Annas Nine and Pice Seven, being the amount of One Year's Interest on a Bengal Promissory Note, for Sicca Rupees 1000, inadvertently paid to Mr. Blackburne's Agents at Madras, in lieu of another Promissory note, by the Accountant General, which Sum will be Credited to You under the Hd. of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura
20th June 1836

Received from Mr. J. Blackburne the Sum of Company's Rupees 42-9-7, being the Amount interest of a Year on a Promissory Note of the Bengal Government, in lieu of Loan Acknowledgement No. 6, for Sicca Rupees 1000, in favor of J. Blackburne Esqre. Collector of Tinnevelly, which had been inadvertently given by the Accountant General to Mr. Blackburne's Agent, under his instructions of the 10th January 1834, in mistake for another Promissory Note of the Supreme Government for the same Amount, given in lieu of Loan Acknowledgement, dated 7th May 1833, in the name of Mr. J. Blackburne by the Collector of Guntoor, & for which sum Credit will be given in my accounts to the Collector of Tinnevelly -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to state that there are no returns for the last month for the following Statements -

Salt Confiscated
Goods Confiscated
Return of Persons Charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822.
Report of Persons Suspended and Dismissed in Conformity to Section VII Regulation VI of 1831.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
20th June 1836

This is to Certify that Ensign Brooke, Commanding detachment of 5th N. I. for the purpose of escorting treasure, arrived here on Sunday, 1st May, & Monday the 2nd, being a high Native festival the money was not consigned to his charge till Tuesday the third of May -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
20th June 1836

To the Sub Collector
Dindigul

Sir,

The fusly is hastening to an end, and I have not yet received your final arrangements of the offers for the Sayer Rear for the Coming Year - May I request &c, with reference to my letter of the 1st Instant, and the Tamil Memos I have sent you, as immediate a dispatch of the Accounts as possible -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
20th June 1836

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you I shall not be able, till November next, to pay bills, drawn in Your favor, from the Taudycamboo treasury; and shall therefore, be obliged by Your henceforward sending a Guard to receive it from the Madura Treasury.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
20th June 1836

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copies of 2 of the 3 documents required in O.S. No. 66 & 191 of 1834, on the file of the Acting Register, on the 3 stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of the 18th Instant. The stampt papers not being sufficient, I am unable to furnish you with a Copy of the other document.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collector

Madura
20th June 1836

To the Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

Having to execute road work to the amount of some thousand Rupees, and it being of importance it should commence within the next ten days from Covilpatty, I should feel particularly obliged by Your exertions in procuring me five hundred Wudders, on the usual terms of daily payment, and You may assure them, in my name, of the greatest care being taken to secure them just and prompt payment, and all indulgence they can be fairly entitled to:— Understanding that upwards of 1200 men of this Class have been lately dismissed from the Annicut

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I trust You will be able to Comply with my wish, without any great deal of trouble to Yourself.

In case of Success may I request You will be so good as to write me word when I may expect their arrival at Covilputtee

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
21st June 1836 }

Received from the Acting Paymaster, Southern Division, a Draft in duplicate for Rupees 33-10-: dated 17th June 1836, being pay in arrears, for May 1836, for Native Pensioners attached to public Bangalows.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collector

Madura
21st June 1836 }

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last Week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector

Madura
21st June 1836 }

To the Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the following Cadjan draft, in payment of Public Revenue, which I request you will be so good as to realize: A draft on Nattavallah Ramanauden Chetty, at Moottyal pettah, in Pavalacaura Street, at Madras, at 11 days sight, drawn by Moottapen Chetty, for Rupees 5000-

As there is no doubt the Amount will be realized by the 5th Proximo, I particularly request you will be so good as to lose no time in acknowledging its receipt as the Amount must be included in the Collections of the Current Jusly-

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
21st June 1836 }

Memorandum.

On his return to Madura, the Assistant Collector, Mr Silver, is requested to take charge of the Collector's revenue seal, & to see that all his revenue orders, duly signed, are sealed with it - and that all signed Rowanahs are similarly sealed:- And he is requested to use his discretion in signing all orders that may be brought to him by the Sheristadar, where delay would be inconvenient by sending them to the Principal Collector -

He is requested, also, to take charge of the Keys of the Treasury, and observe the Collections and expenditure -

And he will be good enough to open, and answer, as far as he is able, all letters from the Post Master General, and the Courts of Circuit and of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction, and from the Magistracy, and from the Paymaster for the Southern Division, giving, in Concert with the Sheristadar, orders for the Payment of Paymaster's drafts on the Madura, or Salt, Treasury, as the Case may require -

He will, also, be good enough to sign the Calenders and Statements for the Circuit Court, commencing his letters "as Directed by the Magistrate" and he will be good enough to keep the Magistrate aware of any thing occurring out of the usual routine from time to time -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collector.

Madura
22d June 1836.

The Keys and seal are enclosed under the Magistrate's private seal -

To the Acting Judge of Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copy of the document, in O. S. No. 16, 8 191.

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of 1834, pending before the Acting Register, on the Stampt paper, forwarded with your letter of yesterday's date -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
22d June 1836

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a quarterly Return of Remittances, required to be made to the Presidency, by the Civil Servants of this Station.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
22d June 1836

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to furnish Copy of One of the documents, required in O. S. No. 61. of 1836, on One of the Stampt papers, forwarded with your letter of the 16th Instant, the other documents not being forthcoming in my records, the other Stampt paper is returned -

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
22d June 1836

To the Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

On the 20th January last I had the honor to forward, for Sanction, through the late Acting Civil Engineer, an Estimate for erecting a Bridge over the Avanyapoorum Channel, across the high road from Madura to Dindigul, Amounting to Rupees 168-1-3-; and as I am doubtful if that Officer ever submitted it for Sanction, I have the honor to forward a Copy of it, and to request you will do me the favor

of

of procuring the Necessary Sanction of Government -

(Signed) J Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura

22d June 1830

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery

Fort St George

Sir,

Agreeably to your letter of the 4th Ultimo, I have the honor to annex a Register of 36 Tickets received and returned in the 3d Class of the 58th Govt. Lottery, amounting to Rupees 1700 for which Sum a Bill on the Accountant General in favor of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the Government Bank is herewith enclosed -

(Signed) J Blackburne

Prl. Collector

Madura

22d June 1830

Register of the 58th Government Lottery Tickets received and returned in the Districts of Madura and Dindegul -

	Number	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	Rs.
Tickets received	2551	50	3057	50	284	50	Tickets returned 3015 & 4553
	2552	50	3058	50	285	50	
	2553	50	3060	50	3937	50	
	2555	50	3061	50	3940	50	
	2556	50	3063	50	3942	50	
	2558	50	4551	50	3943	50	
	2560	50	4554	50	4306	50	
	2562	50	4555	50	5207	50	
	2564	50	4556	50	Rupees	1700	
	2566	50	4557	50			
	3053	50	4558	50			
	3054	50	4559	50			
	3055	50	4560	50			

No. 3. Exchange for Company's Rupees — 1700 — "

To the Accountant General

Fort St George

Sir,

Having received from Mr. John Blackburne, Principal Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees One thousand Seven hundred, being the amount Sales of 34 Tickets in the 3d Class of the

58th -

58th Gourment Lottery, to be paid at Madras, I request You will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Superintendent & Treasurer of the Government Bank, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr

Madura
22d June 1836

To the Superintendent of the Government Lottery
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th Ultimo I have the honor to annex a Register of Prizes paid, together with 14 Tickets in the Second Class of the 58th Government Lottery

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr

Madura
22d June 1836

Register of Prizes paid in the 2d Class of the 58th Government Lottery in the Districts of Madura and Dindigul

No 2554	60
2557	60
2559	60
2561	60
2569	60
3051	60
3152	60
3056	60
3057	60
3064	60
4552	60
3938	60
3939	60
3941	60
	840
Deduct Commission at 10 pr Cent	84
Net Rs	756

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the Account Current of the Military Paymaster Southern Division, Trichinopoly, forwarded to you with the Monthly Accounts for May on account of sums advanced to him, on the letter of Credit No 7, dated 21st April 1836, I have the honor to forward a Duplicate receipt, No 7, dated 3d May for Rupees 585. 15. 1

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr

Madura
22d June 1836

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No. 4 Exchange for Company's Rupees ——— 12 ——

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from W. Elliot Lockhart Esqre. Sub Collector of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Twelve, being the amount, in advance, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, for one year, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the public Department, but not his order, as per advice from

(Signed) John Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
30th June 1836.

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from W. E. Lockhart Esqre. Sub Collector of Madura the sum of Company's Rupees (12) Twelve, on account of Subscription for One year to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
30th June 1836.

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th August 1835 (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General, for Company's Rupees 12, paid by Walter Elliot Lockhart Esqre. Sub Collector of Madura in advance for One year, on Account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
30th June 1836.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Sayer fusly 1245
320889 — Para 1 I have the honor to submit Statement of the highest bidding
Do 1246 · 321129 — for the Sayer and Abkary for the ensuing fusly, Shewing a net increase
Increase 240 —
Abkary fusly 1245 · 45705 — of only 3340 — Rupees over fusly 1245.
520889 — The delay in the report is occasioned by the necessity, for the Sub Collector,
Do fusly 1246 2
48805 — to obtain the Consent of the highest bidders, to abide by their bid, notwith-
Increase 3100 — standing the insertion of the Clause provided for, by Your instructions
of the 26th May, or to effect a resale –
In some of the Choukeys of Madura, & Sundy combo, I am aware,
3 the renters have reaped no profit in the Current fusly, Yet from the
general favorable state of the Season, I confidently anticipated an increase
of at least 20000 Rupees — as it is in the latter Months of the rent that
the speculators look to their profits, I cannot but Consider the total rent as most
favorable, taking into Consideration the uncertainty to which the bidders are
exposed: and I feel that if the clause of resumption be acted upon towards the
third quarter of their rent their losses will be heavy –
4 The Manager of Ramnad, and Keelakurray Munkoyer, who have rented
some of the Ramnad choukies claim exemption from giving security, and I have
not the least hesitation in recommending compliance on the score of their
perfect responsibility – great respectability – and because it is an indulgence
habitually conceded to them: — Some of the renters prepare to give two
Months deposit and three Months security, and in all cases have paid
the 10 per Cent to be forfeited in event of their not fulfilling their
Engagements by the 30th Instant –

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
26th June 1836

124 247

Triplicate

This is to certify that a Detachment of the 33rd Regiment N. I., Consisting of 1 Havildar 1 Naigue and 6 Privates, Marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st June 1830, in Charge of Treasure; arrived there on the 27th, and were at liberty to return the next day.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin^l. Collector

Madura
27th June 1830

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward Models of 2 Sets of Weights and Measures &ca. in use in this District, as required by your Circular letter under date the 21st January received 24th February last.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector.

Madura
28th June 1830

Dispatched on a Bandy

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

As directed by your Circular letter under date the 21st January received 24th February last, I have the honor to forward a Table of Weights and Measures, and a list of the Samples in use in this District. The 2 sets of Models have been dispatched this day on a Bandy.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura
28th June 1830

To the Accountant General.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the

the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
28th June 1836

To the Acting Treasurer in the Zillah Court of
Madura

Sir

I am directed by the Principal Collector, to acknowledge the receipt of Two Thousand Rupees, forwarded with your letter of the 24th Instant, to be deposited in the Treasury.

(Signed) J. Silver
Asst. Collr.

Madura
29th June 1836

To the Post Office Writer
Madura

On the 9th Instant You despatched a letter addressed to Lieutenant A. Forbs, Artillery, Field force, at Goomsoor, receiving postage of 8 annas to Madras only, without levying its full postage to Goomsoor, which is situated in the District of Ganjam: you will Collect the remaining postage, 7 Annas, from the Writer or Sender thereof and when you have done so, report to me, mentioning the Cause of Your having omitted to Collect the full Postage on the same.

(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Collector

Madura
29th June 1836.

Estimate of Receipts and Disbursements in the Post office Department under the range of the Principal Collector of Madura for the Month of July 1836.

	Rs. As. P.
Expected Collections for June 1836	479
Expected Disbursements for Do.	422
Expected Surplus Collections payable to the Revenue Treasury	57

Madura 1st July 1836.

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(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Col

Rec. by the Bd. 25 July 1836. Rev. 646

To the President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

Valoyuda Tumberan, Superintendent of the 5 Davastanums of Peramalay &ca, in the Shevagunga Zemindary, died on the 25th February last; Ganapathy Tumberan has addressed me, informing me that he had been selected to the Superintendence of the said Pagoda, according to Custom, by the Superior of the Teroovanamalay Madom, and that he had arrived at Peranmalay, on the 13th of this Month, and requested permission to take charge of the Endowments; I beg your Sanction to confirm his appointment, under Section II Regulation 7 of 1817. The Superior of Teroovanamalay has addressed me on the Subject, and I beg leave to forward the information given by the Stanegals respecting the right of the Tumberans to this appointment, together with translation of the same.

I take this opportunity to bring to your notice the Constant disputes that have hitherto occurred between the late Tumberan and the Shevagunga Zemindar, respecting the Superintendence of the Villages, and affairs of these 5 Pagodas, which remain still to be finally determined on the Confirmation of the present Tumberan; and without a decision similar disputes will doubtless be renewed. I therefore request that the rules established and sanctioned by the Board, on the 30th July 1835, regarding the Ramaswaram Davastanum, may be made applicable to this Davastanum. As these Pagodas were originally erected and endowed by the ancestors of the present Zemindar of Shevagunga, it is but fair that he should have the superintendence over the Tumberan (who is a stranger) to prevent all kind of misappropriation of the Pagoda funds.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
Sirudungkanil
1st July 1836

Purports of Depositions of the Stanegals of the 5 Davastanums of Peramalay &cas in the Shevagunga Zemindary, on the 18th May 1836, in answer to orders issued by the Collector on the 25th March regarding the origin and rights of the Pagodas.

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2. How many Tumberans have been nominated since the origin of the Pagodas and in what years?

Since

A. since the origin of the Pagodas from a length of time, there have been no Tumberans for the service of the Paradaty Moothemy. Of the 8 Tumberans, afterwards nominated, Maroodanayagam was appointed Superintendant by the then ruling Rajah Veeza Ragoonaulda Sacthoobothee, for the service of Paradaty Moothemy of the Paramalay Pagoda, with whom was afterwards associated Chockalingum, whose United Services Continued for about 31 years. Afterwards Sashewarna Perea Odya Tever sent for Ramalinga Tumberan, thro the Muttoms of Teroovanamalay, who was appointed Paradaty Moothemy of this and the other 4 Pagodas of Terpalcor &ca. in which he Continued upto the year Nalaw of the former Cycle, for about 20 years. After his death, Moodoovadoogaunaudu Perea Odya Tever, the reigning Zemindar, in the year Pingalaw of the former Cycle sent for and appointed Teagaraza Tumberan, who continued for a period of 61 years: after his death, Venga Perea Odya Tever appointed Sungaralinga Tumberan for the Year Kalyoakthee; after him Ramasewayim Tumberan was appointed, and Continued upto the Year Sidarthee, a period of 7 Years: after him Gowryvullaba Perea Odya Tever appointed Sabaubathee Tumbyran from the year Atchya, a period of 24 years. After him Moodoovadooga Perea Odya Tever appointed Veloyda Tumberan from the Year Verothee to Munmada, a period of 7 years. All these Tumberans were sent for from the Muttum of Teroovanamalay, for the services of Paradaty Moothemy.

(Signed) by Vyrawa Putter & others Stanecgals

(True Extract) (Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

No. 801

To the Surveyor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward a Half Yearly Return of the Maps of this District furnished for the use of My office.

Madura
4th July 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Half Yearly Return of the Maps &ca. in the office of the Principal Collector of Madura and Dindegul

Title	Scale	State	Remarks
Maps of Madura & Shevagunga	4 Miles to an inch	In good order	
Do. of Shevagunga Zemindary	2000 Yards to an inch	Do.	Maps of Puttum & Manapore Pettahs have not been supplied
Do. of Ramnad Zemindary	2 Miles to an inch	Much injured & many names illegible	
Do. of Dindegul District	2 Miles to an inch	In good order	

Madura 4th July 1836
(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

This letter is despatched on the 14th July 1836 and entered in that date.

To the Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

Eng. Acts IX to XIV of 1836 } Tamil Teloogoo IX & XI of do Marratta VI of do

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the 2 printed Copies of the Acts, noted in the Margin, forwarded with your letter of the 17th Instant, received 25th.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

Madura 27th June 1836 } Despatched 5th July 1836

Memo:

Eng. Acts No IX to XIV of 1836 } Tamil IX & XI Teloogoo of do Marratta VI of do

The Principal Collector has the honor to forward for the use of the Sub Collector's office, the printed Copy of the Acts noted in the Margin, the receipt of which he will be pleased to acknowledge.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collector

Madura 27th June 1836 } Despatched 5th July

To the President & Members of the

Board of Revenue

Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

The Principal Collector being on the Pylney hills whence the Tappals are very dilatory, I have the honor, at his request, to forward the original Marattah Memo alluded to in para 5 of his letter of the 11th Ultimo, not forwarded through mistake.

(Signed) J. Silver

Assistant Collector

Madura 5th July 1836 }

To the President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

In obedience to the extract of your proceedings of the 16th received by the Principal Collector on the 30th Ultimo, I am requested by him to forward the original Sunnud on which Abdool Rajah claims ...ance of a Yomiah in his name.

(Signed) J. Silver

Assistant Collr.

Madura 5th July 1836 }

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To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, by direction of the Principal Collector, that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Collector

Madura
5th July 1836

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th Ultimo, I am requested by the Principal Collector to forward you Copy of one received from the Accountant General, by Mr. J. Blackburne, which he trusts will give you all the information you require.

(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Collector

Madura
5th July 1836

To the Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Statements No. 1 and 2 shewing the Imports and Exports at the Frontier Choukey in this District, for the official year 1835/36, as required by your letter of the 11th May.

Import
1834/35 - 27595
1835/36 - 27068
Decr 527
Exports
1834/35 - 16320
1835/36 - 14738
Decr 1582

The articles of Import and export by the frontier are nearly the same as in last year; the former is decreased by Rupees 527 and the latter by Rupees 1582 - the former consist chiefly in boiled nuts & the latter is caused by the lesser value of cloths exported.

The Gross amount of Duty Collected on the general trade of the District in 1834/35 ... 318466 - .. 8
1835/36 ... 321964 - 5 - 3
Increase 3498 - 4 - 7

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The rent of the present year is greater than the last which is to be ascribed to the more favorable state of the season.

From the Gross amount of Duty
Collected Rupees. 321964-5-3-

Deduct
Expences of Collection 7378-13-5

Nett Amount of Duties received within the year } 314585-7-10

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
5th July 1836 }

To the Collector of Sea Customs
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Statements Nos. 1 and 2 Shewing the value of Articles Imported and exported, together with Statement No. 3 of Ships and Tonnage, arriving at, and Departing from the ports of this District, during the official year 1835/36, as required by Your letter of the 11th May.

The Gross Amount of Import duty Collected in 1834/35 was

Rupees		4520-6-2
Do. Export duty		9472-12-6-
		13993-2-8
Do. of Import duty in 1835/36	5303-11-3	
Do. Export duty	29843-14-11	35147-10-2
Increase		21154-7-6-

From the amount of Gross Collections Rupees 35147-10-2

Deduct

Expence of Collections &ca.	2353-10-6-	
Duties refunded on Grain	5 - .. - 5	
Drawback Allowed	14048-7-8-	16407-2-7-
Net Collections		18740-7-7-

Imports.
1834/35 - 95997 -
1835/36 - 125816 -
Incr 29819 -

See draft

The increase is in the Import of Tamarind and Cocoanuts from Travancore, Arekanuts, Chourg Ropes[?] and Cocoanuts from Columbo, and Grain from Tanjore — the decrease is in Chayroot, Raw hats[?], Rapeseed and Cocoanuts from Columbo — The increase above that of last year is Rupees 29819 —

Exports.
1834/35 - 714,019
1835/36 - 1177,811
Incr 463,792

The Exports in Grain to Madura and Chanks to Madras are less this year, the increase is chiefly on Cotton and Cotton thread to Madras, and Cloths to Columbo — The drawback on cloths to Ceylon appears to have been an inducement for the exportation of a larger Quantity than last year; as it will be seen that whilst the Export last year was to the Value of 500000 of Rs that of the present is about 568000 — The Drawback in the last year was Rupees 12298 - " - 9, whilst in the present it is Rupees 14843 - 7 - 8 —

1834/35 - 2125 - 14 -
1835/36 - 2353 - 10 - 6
Incr 227 - 12 - 6 -

The Charges of Collection in the present year are greater than in the last by Rupees 227 - 12 - 6, owing to Collector's Commission being greater on the increased Collections —

	1834/35	1835/36 —
Sibbundy	1984 - 8 - "	1984 - " - "
Sundrywaree[?]	42 - " - "	42 - " - "
Repairs of Chowkies	" - " - "	22 - 5 - 9
Preparation of Parahs[?]	51 - 3 - 6	" - " - "
Collector's Commission	48 - 2 - 6 —	305 - 4 - 9
	2125 - 14 - "	2353 - 10 - 6 —

The following Statement exhibits the return of Imports for the Exports

	Madras	Ceylon	Madura	Tanjore	Bengal	Tinnevelly	Travancore	Cochin	Karical[?]
Exports	554946 -	599244	13818	4382	4233 -	1388 -	-	-	-
Imports	3329 -	50553	1544	39972	9161	4615	16546 -	74	22 -

Madura
5th July 1836

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr

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To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office.
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the portion of my Duplicate Journal for the past official year 1835/36, upto December 1835, as required by Your letter of the 13th Instant.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
30th June 1836
Despatched
6th July 1836

To the President & Members of the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

I had last night the honor to receive your Circular of the 23d. Ultimo, & in obedience beg leave to report that with reference to their period of service and revenue experience, I have reason to be equally satisfied with the efficiency of the Sub Collector, Mr. Lockhart, the Sub-[illegible] of whose annual Settlement report will enable You to confirm my opinion, of my Acting Hd. Assistant, Mr. Goodwyn, whose report on the Cultivation of Cotton and Tobacco has already elicited your marked approbation, & of my other assistant, Mr. Silver.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
Sivagunga(?) Kanil
3d. July 1836
Despatched
7th July 1836

To the Sub Treasurer of the Zillah Court
of Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the Principal Collector to acknowledge the Receipt of Rupees 691-2-10, forwarded with your letter of the 5th Instant.

(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Collector

Madura
7th July 1837

To the Acting Judge of
Madura.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of yesterday's date, I am directed, by the

the Principal Collector, to inform you that the document, dated 5th December 1834, required by 3rd Defendant in O. S. No. 61, of 1836, is not to be found either in the Records of this office, or in that of the Acting Head Assistant Magte at Ramnad, as reported by him on the 30th May last.

The Stampt Paper is herewith returned.

(Signed) J. Silver

Assistant Collector

Madura
7th July 1836

To the Principal Collector

of Coimbatore

Sir,

I am directed, by the Principal Collector, to enclose Duplicate Bills of E. P. Thompson Esqre, Assistant Judge and Joint Criminal Judge at Coimbatore, for the Amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his Salary, for June 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, in his account to the Civil Fund, and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

[Sal]ary for June 1836 .. 1200
[Deduct] Civil fund Assistant 84
Rupees 1116

(Signed) J. Silver

Assistant Collector

Madura
7th July 1836

To the Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

I am directed, by the Principal Collector, to Enclose Duplicate Bills of D. R. Limmond Esqre, Assistant Collector of your District, for the amount paid to him, from this Treasury, on account of his Salary &ca for June 1836, which is debited in the Accounts of this Office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw,

and

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Salary for June 1836	351 - " - "
Deduct Civil Fund at 6¼ p^r cent	21 - 4 - "
	328 - 2 - "
Fixed Tent Allowance for D^o	42 - " - "
House Rent for D^o	35 - " - "
C. Rupees	405 - 2 - "

and Credit, on his Account, to the Civil Fund; and request that the same may be adjusted in your Accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collector"

(Signed) J. Silver
Assistant Collector

Madura
7th July 1836

To the Collector of
Trichinopoly

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 8th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Tahsildar of Maroongapoory, reporting his having sent, to your office, the Curnums of 2 Villages, with the accounts, and I have also the honor to forward One Statement of the Manoms of Certain other Villages in the Melur Talook.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Coll^r

Madura Cutcherry
9th July 1836

To the Officer Commanding
Dindigul

Sir,

I am directed, by the Principal Collector, to inform you that as at the present moment there happens to be Sufficient money in the Tauda Combos Treasury to disburse the emergent Bill, drawn by the Acting Paymaster, Southern Division in your favor, an order has been sent to the Tahsildar to pay you the Amount of Rupees 2605 - 13 - 4; but hereafter I request you will be good enough to send a guard to Madura, to receive the Amount of Bills, drawn in your favor, as requested in the Principal Collector's letter of 20th Ultimo.

(Signed) J. Silver
Ass^t Coll^r

Madura
9th July 1836

To the Officer Commanding

Dindigul

Sir,

In absence of the Principal Collector on Circuit, I have the honor to inform you that the Naique of the Guard despatched by you from Dindigul, delivered to me yesterday, your letter of the 8th Instant, and as the Taudycomboo Tahsildar has been ordered to disburse to you Rupees 2605-13-4- the amount of emergent Bill, drawn by the Acting Paymaster, Southern Division, in your favor, to which your letter, delivered by the Naique, refers, I have, this day, directed the Naique to return to Dindigul.

(Signed) J. Silver

Assistant Collector

Madura

11th July 1836.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 2000 - -

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from John Blackburne Esqre., Principal Collr. of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two thousand, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten day's after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum to Messrs. Binny & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

Madura

10th July 1836

Exchange for Company's Rupees 500 - -

To the Accountant General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Thomas William Goodwyn Esqre. Acting Head Assistant Collector of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Five hundred, to be paid at Madras, I request you will, at ten days after sight of this my first Bill, (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid,) pay the said sum to Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., but not to their order, as per advice from -

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Collr.

Madura

11th July 1836.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 8th Ultimo (received 12th) I have the honor to forward Copy of One from the Principal Collector of Salem for your information

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
12th July 1830.

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir
I have the honor to advise you that I have, this day, drawn upon you, a Bill, in favor of Captain Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, at sight, for the Sum of Company's Rupees Four hundred and Sixty three and Annas four, being the Amount of Pay of his Establishment for June 1830, which Sum will be credited under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Clr

Madura
12th July 1830.

To the Principal Collector of
Coimbatore

Sir,
I have the honor to advise you that I have, this day, drawn upon you, a Bill, in favor of Lieutenant J. C. Shaw 2d Assistant Civil Engineer 4th Division, at Sight, for the Sum of Company's Rupees Fifty six, being the amount of Pay of his Establishment for June 1830, which Sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and transfers between Collectors".

(Signed)

Madura
12th July 1830.

To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,
With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 25th

25th August 1835, (Page 537) I have the honor to transmit a Bill, on the Accountant General, for Company's Rupees 3, Paid by Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar, in the Principal Collectors Cutcherry of Madura, in Advance for the present quarter, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J W Cockburne
P. Collr

Madura
12th July 1830

Received into the Honorable Company's Treasury from Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collectors Cutcherry of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees (3) Three, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J W Cockburne
P. Collr

Madura
12th July 1830

No. 3 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from Annajee Row, Naib Sheristadar in the Principal Collectors Cutcherry of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the amount in advance, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, for the present quarter, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid), pay the said Sum to the Secretary to Government, in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J W Cockburne
P. Collr

Madura
12th July 1830

To Lieutenant J. Shaw Depy. Assistt. Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill, on the Principal Collector of Coimbatore, for the Sum of Company's Rupees 56, being the amount of Pay of your establishment for June 1836, & beg to request the acknowledgement.

(Signed) J W Cockburne
P. Collr

Madura
12th July 1836

To the Collector of Sea Customs

Jaffnapatam.

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Sir,

On Comparing the Port Clearance granted in this District with the list of Rowanahs for February 1836, forwarded with your letter of the 5th May last, I find that amongst other Articles, 19 Shawls of the 4th Sort, entered on Port Clearance No. 637, granted at the Paumbon Chauky, destined to Selawtoree Imported there - as the Articles appear to have been Smuggled, I have the honor to request you will do me the favor to Inquire and let me know if the holder of the Port Clearance did import them at the destined place -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura
12th July 1836

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Exchange of Company's Rupees 56-..-

To the Principal Collector of

Coimbatore

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Lieutenant J. C. Shaw, 2d. Assistant Civil Engineer, 4th Division, or his order, the Sum of Company's Rupees Fifty Six, being the amount of pay of his Establishment for June 1836, which Sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors".

Madura
12th. July 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P.C.M.

To Captain C. E. Faber

Acting Civil Engineer

4th. Division

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly for the Sum of Company's Rupees (263-4-..) being the amount of Pay of your Establishment for June 1836, and beg to request its acknowledgement.

Madura
12th. July 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P.C.M.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 263-4-..

To the Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

At sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, 4th. Division, or his order, the Sum of Company's Rupees Two hundred and Sixty three and Annas Four, being the amount of pay of his Establishment for June 1836, which Sum will be credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors."

(Signed)

Madura
12th. July 1836.

To the Secretary to Government

in the Public Department

Fort St. George

Sir

With reference to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette

Gazette, dated 25th August 1835, (Page 537). I have the honor to transmit a Bill, on the Accountant General, for Company's Rupees 3 recd. from Ponoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody in Madura, for another quarter, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
P. Collr.

Madura
1st July 1836
Dispatched
14th July 1836

Received in to the Honorable Company's Treasury from Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody, in Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees (3) Three, on account of Subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura
1st July 1836.

Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 - -

To the Accountant General.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

Having received from Panoomachoo Ramasawmy Rajah, District Moonsiff of Paramagoody, in Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees Three, being the amount in advance to the Fort St. Geo Gazette for another quarter to be paid at Madras, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the Second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government, in the Public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pr. Collr.

Madura
1st July 1836
Despd. 14th

To the Surveyor General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to forward a Half Yearly Return of the Maps of this District, furnished for the use of my office.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
14th July 1836.

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Half yearly return of the Maps &c. in the office of the Principal Collr. of Madura and Dindigul

Title	Scale	State	Remarks
Map of Madura and Shevagunga	2 Miles to an inch	In good order	Maps of parts of Puttom and for Manaparam Pollams have not been supplied.
Do. of Shevagunga Zemindary	2000 yards to an inch	Ditto	
Do. of Ramnad ditto	2 Miles to an inch	Much injured and many names illegible	
Do. of Dindigul District	2 Miles to an inch	Very much worn	
Section 80 & 81 of Arrow Smiths Indian Atlas Comprising part of Ramnad, Shevagunga and Puttom in Melur	4 Miles to an inch	Very perfect	

Madura 14th. July 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collr.

To the President & Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th. Ultimo,
received 26th., and in answer, beg to State that no allowance is granted in this District,
from the Public Treasury, for the Carriage of the Dufters of Tahsildars during
their tour in their respective Talooks. The Tahsildars seldom Carry more than
3 Cooly loads of records with them, and it has ever been Customary for the Village
to Supply Coolies, free of hire, from one Village to another, and no difficulty or
inconvenience, has been experienced by them, nor any Complaints made on that
account. The Tahsildar never travels more than 15 Miles a day, within
which there are 3 or 4 Muttoos, where the Coolies are relieved; I have heard
no Murmurs from the Ryots in attending to this Duty, for a Couple of hours, and that
once or twice only in a month: but I should feel particularly glad that even
this Assistance was forbidden, as under its Cloak there is no knowing what
advantage may be taken by the Tahsildars, but more particularly by their dependants
and followers.

Dufters are little necessary, and it shall be my care to reduce
the few now in use, which I trust will supersede the necessity of any orders
from your Board.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collr.

Madura

15th. July 1836

To the Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir

In obedience to the instructions of the Accountant General, of the 4th Instant, I have the honor to forward Copy of a receipt granted by me, on the 20th Ultimo, to Mr. J Blackburne, for Rupees 42-9-7-, which sum I had the honor to inform you, on the same day, I had given you Credit for in my Accounts.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
15th July 1836 -

To the Secretary to the Medical Board
Fort St. George

Sir

In obedience to instructions from the Board of Revenue, I have the honor to forward an Indent for Bark and Quine, required for disposal, in this District.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Coll.

Madura
15th July 1836

To the Collector of

Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Tahsildar of Teroomungalum, enclosing an Agreement executed by the Mahajuns of Soondrapaundyam Village, Consenting to abide by the decision of a Punchayet, respecting the boundary disputed lands between this and Vellapolleel in your District -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Coll.

Madura
15th July 1836 -

To the Collector of

Trichinopoly

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of an address from the Tahsildar of Maroongapoory Talook, reporting that no Modders had arrived at Coilpatty up to the 9th Instant, as stated in your letter of the 27th Ultimo -

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
15th July 1836 -

To the Principal Collector 133A

of Coimbatore

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st

Recd 10th. Instant, may I request You will be good enough to let me see any report You or the Acting Sub. Collector may have received from Your Munn:mut Maistrees, as to the practicability of Conveying the Surplus waters to Hongoor; mean time I shall Communicate on the Subject with the Sub Collector of this District.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Pl. Collector

Madura

15th July 1836

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Madura 16th July 1836. 265 134

To Mr Taylor
Executor to the estate of the late Mr E. Wheatley
Madras

Sir,

I have accepted your draft for Rupees 66-12-6 and paid the Amount for the Garden, as requested in your letter of the 20th Ultimo.

If you, or your agent, or client, are prepared to shew any deed of Gift which should exempt the garden from taxation, I shall have great pleasure in giving it my best Consideration.

Any one meeting with undeserved Contumelious treatment from an officer of this district may rest assured of attention, on Complaint to any European officer of the district: and therefore, I hope you will excuse me not inquiring into a Complaint preferred thro' so irregular a Course, as that of Abbas Ali. I might Complain that you should on an ex parte of your Agent believe that "the honor of the British Government has been Compromised by the Tahsildar of Madocolum."

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill in favor of Captain C. E. Faber, Acting Civil Engineer 4th Division at 10 days sight, for the Sum of Company Rupees one hundred and sixty, being the Amount of Bills Sanctioned by Government, which Sum will be Credited to you under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
16th July 1836

To the Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 12th Instant, and its enclosures, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to furnish me with Copies of the Bills for the Amount of Rupees 160 -"- " to enable me to enter the particulars of the

of the Charges in my Accounts — Meantime I have the honor to send you an order on the Collector of Tinnevelly for the amount required —

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
16th July 1836

Exchange for Company's Rupees 160 — —

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly —

Sir,

At ten days after sight please to pay to Captain C. E. Faber Acting Civil Engineer, 4th Division, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees one hundred and sixty, being the amount of Certain Bills, Sanctioned by Government, which Sum will be Credited to you under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
16th July 1836.

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir

I have the honor to advise you that I have this day drawn upon you a Bill of Rupees 37.9 — in favor of the Assistant Judge of the Auxiliary Court of your District being the amount Collected from Annunjee pillay, Defendant in Case 18 of 1835, of the file of that Court, to be paid to Shodalamootoo chitty, Plaintiff in the said case, and paid into my Treasury by the Acting Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura, for which sum Credit will be given to you in my accounts under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collectors

Madura
16th July 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the Acting Treasurer in the Zillah Court
of Madura

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Bill on the Collector of Tinnevelly, in favor of the Assistant Judge of the Auxiliary Court of the

District

District, for Rupees 37-9-" as desired in your letter of this day's date

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
16th July 1836 }

Exchange for Company's Rupees 37-9-"

To the Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

At 10 days sight, please to pay to the Assistant Judge of the Auxiliary
Court, of your District, the sum of Company's Rupees Thirty seven and Annas Nine, being
the amount Collected from Arunga Pillay, Defendant in Case 18 of 1835, of the file
of that Court, to be paid to Shodalamootoo Chitty, Plaintiff in the said case, and paid
into my Treasury, by the Acting Treasurer of the Zillah Court of Madura, for which
sum Credit will be given to you in my Accounts under the Head of Remittances & Transfers &c.
between Collectors.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura }
16th July 1836 }

To the Acting Judge
of Madura

Sir,

In answer to your letter of Yesterday's date, just received, requiring
Copies of 9 documents, for the satisfaction of the Moonsiff of Terparacoondam,
I have the honor to send Authenticated Copies of two of them viz. decisions of the
Police officer, but I beg to submit to Yourself whether Copies of evidence on both
sides by persons, whose presence is procurable, given before a Tahsildar, not on
oath, can be of importance to a decision in the Moonsiff's Court.

If You agree with me in opinion I shall be glad to save the time and
trouble of the Talook record keeper. The other 7 Stampt papers are returned.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura }
16th July 1836 }

Translate of Appeal Endorsement of the Magistrate of Madura

On inspecting the Proceedings and documents taken before the Acting Head
Assistant Magistrate, respecting the 3 Complaints preferred by you of Murder, Plunder and
fines on Strayed Cattle, it appears to the Magistrate that you are an impudent, troublesome
and

and dishonest man, and you should avoid in future to appear before him. As the decisions passed by the Acting Head Assistant Magistrate are found Correct and no further examinations appear necessary, the Case is dismissed.

(Signed) J. Blackburne.

Memorandum.

The Principal Collector has the honor to return the accompanying Statement, and requests the Sub Collector will be good enough to Close it up to 11th July and return it as soon as possible.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
18th July 1836.

Memorandum.

The Principal Collector has the honor to return the accompanying Statement and request the Acting Head Assistant will be good enough to close it up to 11th July and return it as soon as possible.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
18th July 1836.

To the President and Members of the Board of Revenue.
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

Para 1. I beg to bring to your Notice a balance of Rupees 16,664 - " - 8 against the Shevagunga Zemindar, up to 11th July for fusly 1245, and beg to inform you I have issued a Notice, in conformity with Section 4 Regulation 27 of 1802, Calling upon him to pay it by the end of this Month; meantime I beg to enclose a Moyenzabitah for the establishment, that will be required, should you think proper to order the attachment.

2. The amount of the establishment, including the Police, amounts to 8 6/16 Per Cent of the average Collections of the Zemindary for the last 3 Years, and has been reduced to the lowest desirable scale. I also beg to forward the Statement required by Your instruction dated

dated 28th March last, according to the form which accompanied it. I have lost all hopes of realizing the Balance, as mentioned in my letter of the 7th March last, partly by the fall of the price of grain, since that period; and partly by the extravagance of the Zemindar. Although I deputed a Gomastah of my Cutcherry to his Treasury, to control and secure the Collections, it was without effect, as it could hardly be otherwise, without a formal assumption, and the Assistance of the requisite Servants. I am mentioning the State of the Zemindary in my Annual Report, as directed by Your Board's letter, dated 29th October 1835, by which Your Board will be in possession, I hope, of all particulars required.

I beg to recommend an Allowance of Rupees 2000 per Mensem to the Zemindar till the estate be restored to his own Management.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
18th July 1836

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during last week.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
18th July 1836

Received from the Acting Paymaster, Southern Division, a draft in Duplicate, for Rupees 33-10-", dated 15th July 1836, being pay in arrears for June 1836, for Native Pensioners attached to Public Bungalows.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Madura
18th July 1836

To the Post Office Writer
of Madura

You will levy on each Single letter, intended for transmission by the Steamer, Hugh Lindsay, which will be despatched from Bombay on the 16th September next, the steam Postage of One Rupee, in addition [illegible] inland Postage

to Bombay, as directed in the Post Master General's Letter of the 13th instant

(Signed) J Pelwer
Assistant Collector

Madura
18th July 1836

To the Collector of Rajamundry

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose 2 Bills of T. W. Goodwyn Esqre, Register to the Zillah Court of Your District, for the Amount paid to him, from this Treasury on account of his Salary, and House Rent, for June 1836, which is debited in the accounts of this office, as noted in the Margin, leaving you to draw, and Credit, on his account to the Civil Fund, and request that the Same may be adjusted in your accounts under the Head of "Remittances and Transfers between Collectors.

Salary for June 1836	525 " "
Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ pr Cent	32 13 "
	492 3 "
House Rent for do	35 " "
Company's Rupees	527 3 "

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collector

Madura
19th July 1836

	Dr.
	CRs. A. P.
The Honorable Company	
To my Salary as Register to the Zillah Court at Rajamundry for the Month of June 1836	525 " "
Deduct Civil fund at 6¼ pr Cent	32 13 "
Balance	492 3 "

Ramnad 1st July 1836.
(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Regr

Received the 11th July 1836. from the Honorable Company thro' the Princl Collector of Madura, the abovementioned Sum of Companys Rupees Four hundred and Ninety two and Annas three.

CRs. 492-3-"

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Regr

	Dr.
	CRs. A. P.
The Honorable Company	
To my House Rent as Register to the Zillah Court at Rajamundry for the Month of June 1836.	35 " "

Ramnad 1st July 1836.
E. E. (Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Regr

Received this 11th day of July 1836, from the Honorable Company, thro' the Princl Collr of Madura, the abovementioned Sum of Company's Rupees Thirty five

CRs. 35 " "

(Signed) T. W. Goodwyn
Regr

To the Assistant Surgeon

Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I cannot Comply with your request for the Substitution of the Peon relieved from attendance on the 17th.

Madura
19th July 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to my reply in the Memorandum of Remarks, on the Vouchers of the Civil Engineers personal Allowances, furnished by me, on the 18th June, I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from Lieutenant J. C. Shaw, regarding his personal allowances for December 1835, dated 30th Ultimo, for your information.

Madura
19th July 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

To the Acting Judge of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor enclose an Extract from the Retrenchment from my accounts, by the Civil Auditor, for Fasly 1244, and request you will furnish me the information therein required.

Madura
19th July 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

To the President and Member
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

On the 6th Instant I had the honor to receive Extract from your Board the 17th Ultimo, Calling upon me to report on a proposed improvement in the irrigation of the Melur Talook in communication with the Civil Engineer.

As

As that Gentleman is now on duty in Tinnevelly, and not likely to return here unless
expressly Called, I beg leave at once to submit what information I possess on the subject. Melur
comprises 30 Villages, Containing 72 large tanks and 1318 Small ones, denominated Yendals
Ain ...... 26 — supplied by the falling rain. The Village of Keelavalavu alone, of 1230 76/100 Cawnies Arable
Possesses 4/30 — lands, possesses 124 Yendals wh are all the Saleable property of the Kullers, who Con-
-structed them. The Kullers prevail very extensively in this Talook, and possess no
other property than their Yendals and the land which they irrigate. They are very poor,
and an interference with their rights, tho' no doubt to the General advantage of the Talook
and augmentation of its revenues, wd throw them into the utmost poverty and distress,
so great would be the change effected in property; and it is not supposed that bad
land, just brought into Cultivation, would be as productive as the existing Small
Spreads of paddy fields. I beg to suggest my own opinion that the line I
adopted in Consideration of Lieut. Best's Diary of March 1830 should
be all that is undertaken — viz. to leave the Small Yendals to the entire Con-
-trol of the proprietor, and refuse him Circar aid, as was formerly
the Case, at which there will be no murmurs; and Continue the Govt.
aid in the repair & enlargement or Construction of large tanks, from
time to time, as may be found Convenient.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
19th July 1830.

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
the 4th Instant (received 13th) Calling upon me to shew if the Sum of
Rupees 29,364-4-5, entered in statement No. 1, forms part of the
J — amount deficit in Col. 22 viz. Rupees 7,99,337-2-3; or if that Sum be a deficit
in addition to the entry in Col. 22 of Rupees 7,99,327-2-3.

I

I beg to state that is not a separate deficit, but is included in Rupees 799327-2-3- as will appear by the particulars in the accompanying Memo, with reference to the Statement now before the Board - The Net deficiency upto 31st May 1834, Viz 600322-5-5- Corresponds with the particulars entered in the 2nd para of your letter - No further Sums have been disbursed to meet claims on the deficient Treasury - The amount still due to Individuals, as stated in Col: 31 of No. 1, is Rupees 157203-"-5, and is included in the Net deficiency of Rupees 600322-5-5

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
19th July 1836

Memorandum

Item 57 in Encl. 1 in No. 5	Rs. 426-11-7	
" 60 do	13507-3-4	
" 61 do	701-15-11	
" 66 do	157-6-4	
" 69 do	3831-2-10	
" 130 do	241-8-"	18868-"-"
	28-"-"	
" 73 in No. 7	1185-10-4	
" 74 do	3417-12-3	4631-6-7
" 77 do		5284-8-"
" Prizes of Lottery Tickets in No. 9		
Salary and allowances of Mr. A. Mellor Assistant Collector for June 1828 No. 10		580-5-10
		29364-4-5

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
19th July 1836

To the Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Bill drawn in your favor for Rupees 51-9-", being the estimated amount of Repairs to the Breach on the Banks of the Tambraparny ... as requested in your letter dated 21st Ultimo.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
2?th July 1836

Exchange for Company's Rupees 51-9

To the Collector
of Tinnevelly

Sir,
Fifteen days sight please to pay to the Collector of Tinnevelly, or his order, the sum of Company's Rupees Fifty one and Annas Nine, being the estimated amount of Repairs to the Breach in the Banks of the Tambraparany River, which sum will be Credited to you under the Head of Remittances and Transfers between Collrs.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
21st July 1836

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To the Collector
of Trichinopoly

Sir,
I have the honor to enclose first of a sett of Bills, received from the acting first Judge on Circuit, for Rupees (533) Five hundred and thirty three receipt of which I request you will be pleased to acknowledge in Duplicate, as directed by the Accountant General.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
20th July 1836

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To the Sub Treasurer
Fort St. George

Sir,
I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me If You have recovered the Amount of the Cadjan draft forwarded with my letter of the 21st Ultimo.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
21st July 1836

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To the Secretary to Government
in the Public Department
Fort St. George

Sir,
With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazettes, dated

dated 25th August 1835 (Page 527) I have the honor to transmit a Bill on the Accountant General, for Company's Rupees 3, paid by David Rous Limmond Esqre, Acting Register of Madura, on account of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, in advance for the present Quarter.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
20th July 1836

Received into the honorable Company's Treasury from D. R. Limmond Esqre, Acting Register of Madura, the Sum of Company's Rupees (3) Three on account of his subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette, in advance for the present Quarter.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
20th July 1836

No 9 Exchange for Company's Rupees 3 " "

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

Having received from David Rous Limmond Esqre, Acting Register of Madura, the sum of Company's Rupees Three being the amount of subscription to the Fort St. George Gazette in advance for the present Quarter, to be paid at Madras, I request you will at sight of this my first Bill (the second of the same tenor and date not being paid) pay the said sum to the Secretary to Government in the public Department, but not to his order, as per advice from

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
21th July 1836

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen

I have the honor to state that there are no Returns for the last Month for the following Statements

Salt Confiscated
Goods Confiscated
Return of Persons charged with offences under Regulation IX of 1822.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
20th July 1836

To the Acting Judge

of Madura

Sir, I have the honor to furnish Copy of the documents required by Plaintiff in O. S. No. 213 of 1835 pending before the Pundit Sudder Aumeen, on one of the Stampt papers forwarded with Your letter of the 19th Instant, the other document required by Defendant in the same Case, will be sent as soon as received from the Shevagunga Zemindar's Cutcherry

The two stampt papers being sufficient for the 2 documents required I have the honor to return the others.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Principal Collr.

Madura

21st July 1836

To the Acting Judge

of

Madura.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the documents required by Your letter of the 15th Instant, & retransmit the 2 documents returned in the way that seems likely to meet Your wishes, tho' as both were shewn to be true Copies in the Tamul language, I deemed it quite unnecessary to repeat the attestation in English, and as the document, without my signature, had that of the officer under whose charge it was kept, and by whom the order was passed, I deemed its authenticity amply provided for in being forwarded with my letter.

(Signed) J. Blackburne

Prinl. Collr.

Madura

22d. July 1836

To Lieutenant S. Best

Acting Civil Engineer 3d. Division

Salem

Sir,

I have the honor to forward Copy of a letter from the Accountant General

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General, dated 15th Instant, I request You will be good enough to furnish me the Pay Certifi-
-cate therein required.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
21st July 1836.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to return Pages 119 & 123 of my duplicate Journal for the
Month of December 1835, Copied consecutively as directed in Your letter of the 4th Ins-
-tant, received 18th.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin. Collr.

Madura
21st July 1836.

To the Acting Secretary to the College
Fort St. George

Sir,

Para 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 13th Ultimo and
agreeably to the instructions therein Contained, I have dismissed the 3 Tehsildary Teachers who
were employed in this District, with a donation of one Months pay they had rec.d no Books
from the College, but I beg to forward a list of those lately given to the late Mahom-
-medan Collectorate Teacher, and request You will Communicate Your wishes res-
-pecting their disposal.

2d. The above three Schools are now protected by the Parents of the Boys who
were pursuing their Studies in them, and I beg to report my satisfaction with the
Industry and attention of the Masters, and the progress of the Scholars whilst they
were under my Superintendence.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
22d July 1836.

Memo.

Memo of Books delivered by the Mahomadan Collectorate Teacher Syed Ahmud.

English

Sketch of ancient History .... 6 Copies

History of Mysore .... 3 Do.

Persian and Hindoostanee.

Gooliston .... 2 Copies

Analysis of Arabic .... 1 Do.

Bagho Bahar .... 1 Do.

Madura

22d July 1836

To the Acting Judge

of Madura

Sir,

In answer to Your query of Yesterday's date, just received, I

2 beg leave to state that my indorsement was given advisedly, on consideration

of Section 5 Regulation XXIX of 1802.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

Madura

22d. July 1836.

To the President and Members

of the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request Your Board will be pleased to

2 furnish me with a few Copies of the Printed Sea Passports for use of this

District.

Madura

22d. July 1836.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Princl. Collr.

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To the President and Members

of the Board of Revenue.

Gentlemen,

Fort St George

With reference to Your instructions of the 14th July 1831, repeated on the 17 August last, directing transmission of the Statements of Demand Collection and Balance upto 11th July of each fusly, so as to reach Your Board by the 1st August, I have the honor to state that the Salt Tapildar of Ramnad Cannot procure the Accounts of the Sales of Salt, and of the Collection of Sea Customs upto the 11th July, from the Gumastahs, before the 15th; and he requires till the 20th to prepare his general Accounts of the whole, together with those of Collection of the Sayer and Abkary rents of the Zemindary. He delivers the remittance in charge of the Company's Guard on the 21st or 22d, and according to the usual March it will reach Madura on the 26th or 27th. It afterwards requires 4 days for the Treasury Gumastahs to prepare their accounts in Maratta, and 2 days for the english Depart.t; thus, even with the greatest haste, the Statements Can hardly be ready for despatch by the 1st or 2d August, within which period I trust You will not exact them from me.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Prin.l Colle.r

Madura

22d July 1836

To the President and Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen

The 52 Copies of the Printed form for the Demand Collection & Balance Statements forwarded with Your letter of the 4th Sept.r 1834 having been expended I have the honor to request a further supply may be furnished to me as early as possible.

(Signed) J Blackburne

Prin.l Collector

Madura

23d July 1836

To the Secretary to Government

in the Public Department

Fort St George

Sir,

1. From a Circular letter from the Board of Revenue, of the 5th June, I had the honor to learn the wish of Government to equalize the allowances of all Princl. Collectors, at the rate of 36000 Rupees per annum, but with a view to save any individual from being a sufferer by such a measure, the existing allowances, and average of three Years Commission was provided for persons fully appointed previous to the 21st March; hence a Gentleman appointed Principal Collector subsequent to the 21st March would receive 36000 Rupees a Year, and equalization aimed at would be attained in that District. I trust then I am not mistaken in thinking that where a Princl. Collr., in full appointment before 21st March, would be a gainer by receiving the Consolidated Allowance, and thereby at once bringing the determination of Government into full execution, it never was their intention to bar him from the benefit of that Rule:- besides it seems an anomaly to delay the execution of the rule till it could be done in giving to a newly nominated Principal Collector a higher allowance than that enjoyed by his predecessor.

2. By the accompanying Copy of a Memo from the Civil Auditor I shall be entitled to only Rupees 35,108 - 5 - 7 per annum, if I am to receive only my Salary, and the average of the last three Years Commission, instead of the allowance provided for my Successor; and the attainment of the equalization, the object aimed at, is procrastinated:- but had no change whatever taken place it is probable, from the progressing increase of extra revenue, that my allowances would not fall generally short of Rupees 36,000 per annum. This, however,

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Cannot be urged with any weight as the reverse might happen.

3 I have the honor, therefore, to request You will bring this application to be indulged in drawing the Consolidated Allowance of a Prin^l. Coll^r. from end of March last, to the favorable Consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

4 It may be proper to apprize You that I addressed this petition to the Board of Revenue on the 9th. June; but, on the 18th. Instant, they declined re-Commanding, or even bringing it to the notice of the Government on the ground of inexpedience.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura
23^d. July 1836

To the Accountant in the revenue Department
of the Accountant General's Office
Fort S^t. George

Sir,

With reference to your letter bearing date 8th. April last, I have the honor to forward a voucher in support of the payments made by me on account of other Departments of this Presidency, as described in the accompanying list.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector
D^o

Madura
25th. July 1836

The Honorable Company

To Captain Charles Edward Faber, Acting Civil Engineer, the 4th. Division, for his personal Allowances in Arrears for June 1836 Viz^t.

Civil Salary	350 " "
Tentage for 28 days at 4	112 " "
Total Rupees	462 " "

(Signed) C. E. Faber
Acting Civil Engineer 4th D[ivision]

Received this 5th. day of July 1836 from the Honorable Company thro the Collector of Tinnevelly, the above mentioned Sum of Company's Rupees four hundred and Sixty two.

(C Signed) Edward Faber Captain
Acting Civil Engineer 4th [Division]

Paid 5th. July 1836.
(Signed) R. Eden

Register of Vouchers on which Payments have been made on account of the Depart[ments]
and Governments from the Treasury of the Princ. Collr. of the District of Madura & Dindig[ul]

Date of the Vouchers	Date on which payments were made	To whom paid	Amount		
			Chs.	A.	[illegible]
1836 July 5th	1836 July 5th	Captain C. E. Faber Acting Civil Engineer 4th Dn. personal Allowances in arrears for June 1836	40		

Madura 25th July 1836

E. Exd. (Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To the Civil Auditor
Fort St. George

Sir,

With reference to the remark to Art. 29 in the Audit for July 1244, I have the honor to forward a Bill for travelling charges of Mr. J. Silver and request that it may be passed

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
25th July 1836

Dr.

The Honorable Company

To my travelling charges from Madras to Madura (being my first appointment) being 290 Miles at 52½ Rupees pr. Miles — 152-4-

Madura 25th July 1836.

E. Exd. (Signed) J. Silver
Act. Collr.

Received this 29th day of November 1834 from the Honorable Company thro' the Princ. Collr. of Madura, the above mentioned Sum of Company's Rupees Fifty two & annas four.

Chs. 52-4-

(C. Signed) J. Silver
Act. Collr.

To the Accountant General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform You that no Subscriptions to the Government Loan have been received during the last week.

Madura
25th July 1836.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

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To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

As no Master attendant, or Marine establishment exists in this District I conclude no further report than this information is requisite, in obedience to the orders of Government of the 15th Communicated in Your Proceedings of the 23d Ultimo, received last night.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
25th July 1836

To the President and Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request You will do me the favor to obtain for me leave of absence for 15 days, in the Month of September next, to visit Ootacamund, on private affairs, making over charge of the District to the Sub Collector.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

Madura
25th July 1836

This is to Certify that a Detachment of the 33d. Regiment N. I. Consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naigue & 6 Privates, marched from Ramnad to Madura, at my requisition, on the 21st. July 1836, in charge of Treasure; arrived there on the 25th. & were at liberty to return the same day. They had been induced to make forced marches on the asserted promise of the Salt Tasildar that they should receive usual batta, as the early arrival of the Treasure was of importance. The fair and usual period is six days: this detachment Completed their march in four.

(Signed) J. Blackburne
Pl. Collr.

To the Acting Civil Engineer
4th Division

Sir,

An occasional Estimate for Rupees 477-2, for the Repair of the Brodapooram

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Aricat in Tandycombor Talook, with rough Stone & Brick facing, was Sanctioned by Government, in the 9th June, and Your extracts from the proceedings of Your Diary, for the Month of May, provides to insert, in the ordinary Estimate for Rupees 207/c for that work I therefore beg to request You will inform me if You think the less amount sufficient for the due execution of the work the latter amount I am of opinion that the Sanctioned amount would be a more proper outlay to put the edifice in an Efficient State.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collector

Madura
27th July 1836.

To the Accountant in the Revenue Department
of the Accountant Generals office
Fort St. George

Sir,

In answer to Your letters of the 22d Ultimo, and 23d Instant, enclosing in the former a Statement of Salt, I have the honor to forward One, Shewing the particulars of the difference Rupees 72-9-3, of which Rupees 63-12-2 in force 6-29 was not debited to Salt - nor included in the Sums charged as paid to Manufacturers: the omission was occasioned by adhering to the former Mode of Salt transactions - In explanation to the remaining Rupees 8-13-1 stated to be omitted in the receipts, but included in the debits in the adjustment Sheets of 1833/34) I beg to State that this Sum was paid to Manufacturers on Surplus gained by measurement, according to the practise I observed up to September 1833, by paying their Share on the quantity Sold.

The directions contained in the 2d para: have been attended to in the Office Copy of the Account particular for June last, & I request a Similar entry may be made in Your office.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
27th July 1836.

To the President & Members
of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to request that the accompanying proclamation may be published in the office of the Board of Revenue

Madura 27th July 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prinl. Collr.

Proclamation

Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears outstanding against undermentioned Landholders and Sayer Renters of Fuslee 1244 and 1245 be discharged on or before the 28th August 1836 the Lands &ca particularized below will be sold by Public Auction at the Catcherries of Maudacolam Talook and Shevagunga Zemindary in the Madura District.

Fuslees	Names	Balance
		Chs. F. C.
1245	Shockappa Naicken Landholder of Theroopanancoondum in Maudacolum Talook	17 - 2 - 5
	Cunnadya Mootoosawmy Naicken Do of Do in Do	25 - 1 - 2
1244	Peraitumby Rowetten Betel Renter of Paramagoody Choukey in Ramnad Zemindary	207 - 11 - 5
1245	Meenatcheesoondrumpillay Landholder & Nattamkar of Kadungolum Village in Shollawundan	38 - 2 - 10
Do	Moottoopillay Landholder & Nattamkar of Do in Do	26 - 6 - 4
Do	Gopaulcottun Landholder of Streeramaporam in Maudacolum Talook	15 - 4 - 4
Do	Chittumbala Thaven dependant of Chedumbrampillay Landholder of Kadungolum in Shollawundan Talook	28 - 3 - ..
	Total	360 - 5 - ..

Lands &ca to be sold on account of the above Balance.

Description of the property		To whom belonging
Theroopanancoondum in Maudacolum Talook	1 Piece of Ground east to west 25 feet and from North to South 55 feet, on which is built a Thatched house Well & Veranda	Shockappa Naicken Landholder
Ditto	1 Piece of Ground Containing 2 Spots. First Spot east to west 8 feet & from North to South 20 feet. 2d Spot east to west 12 feet & from North to South 4 feet on which is built a Thatched house & a Tiled Veranda of 6 Unganums. Punjah Colies 6 - 5¼	Cunnadya Mootoosawmy Naicken Landholder
Vaindoonay	Nunjah Seed Land Colum 7 Marcal 7 & Measures 3 Punjah Coorkum 14 ¾	Peraitumby Rowetten Betel Renter
Kadungolum	1 Thatched house and Ground east to west 47 feet and from North to South 16 feet Nunjah Land Canies 4 - 5½ Punjah Do Colies 3 - 8	Meenatcheesoondrum Pillay Landholder and Nattamkar
Ditto	1 Thatched house and Ground east to west 54 feet and from North to South 34 feet Nunjah Canies 2 - 5½ Punjah Colies 2 - 4	Moottoopillay Landholder and Nattamkar
Do	Nunjah Canies .. 9½	Chittumbala Thaven dependant of Chedumbrampillay
Madura	1 Ground east to west 30 feet & from North to South 21 feet on which is built a Tiled house & Veranda of 3 Unganums	Gopaulcottun Landholder

(Signed) J Blackburne
Principal Collr.

Madura
27th July 1836

To the Principal Collector
of Malabar

Sir

Not having received back the 2 Bills, returned to you for revised Ones, with my letter of

of the 24th March last, I shall be unable to give you credit in my accounts, as requested in your letter of the 22d Instant till I am favored with them.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
28th July 1826

To The Collector of Customs
Jaffnapatam.

Sir,

As it appears from your letter of the 21st Instant, in reply to mine of the 12th, that duty has been regularly paid on 14 Shawls, I have the honor to request you will do me the favor of informing me, in reference to your Books, if the duty was paid by the Tindal of the Doney, (Attatchment) or by any Merchant; If by a Merchant I shall be glad to know his name, to enable me to call upon him to account for Smuggling the Articles.

Allow me to offer my best thanks for the ready Assistance You have afforded me.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
28th July 1826

To the Principal Collector
of Canara

Sir,

In order to enable me to adjust the Sum of Rupees 336. 8. 7 paid by You to Lieutt Best, Acting Civil Engineer, being part of his Salary and Allowances for December last, as requested in Your letter of the 12th March, I have the honor to request You will obtain, & forward to me, the Bill Returned to You for a Revised One, with my Letter of the 24th of the Same Month.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl Collr

Madura
28th July 1826

To the Collector
of Tinnevelly.

Sir

I have the honor to request You would be so good as to favor me with a Statement Shewing the persons Subject to Motarpha of every interpretation

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and any particulars connected with that tax.

Madura
28th July 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

The Principal Collector has the honor to request the Sub Collector will inform him what arrangements he has made for carrying into effect the road estimates lately sanctioned, or what are his intentions in that respect. To leave him more leisure to attend to the portion near his usual residence, the Princl. Collector has reserved to himself the superintendence of the high road from Trichinopoly to Madura.

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The Principal Collector takes the opportunity to express to the Sub Collr. his extreme regret at the backwardness, and remissness in execution of the Kudimaramut works throughout his division.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
28th July 1836

Estimate of Receipts and Disbursements in the Post office Department under the Management of the Principal Collector of Madura for the month of August 1836.

	Rs.	As.	P.
Expected Collections for July 1836	474		
Expected Disbursements for do.	421		
Expected Surplus Collections payable to the Revenue Treasury	53		

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Madura 28th July 1836

(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

To the Acting Additional Government Commissioner
Madras

Sir,

Not having yet been furnished with Copy of the Act No. XVI of 1836, I must necessarily delay compliance with your wishes of the 26th instant for its publication, and mean to delay notification of the abode &c. of the Vakeels appointed under its provisions till both can appear together.

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(Signed) J Blackburne
Princl. Collr.

Madura
30th July 1836

To the Post Master General

Madras

Sir

With reference to the Notification in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 12th Instant, and Your letter of the 26th, I have the honor to request You will inform me if the Steam Postage by the Persian Gulph is to be the same as by the Red Sea, or to bear the higher rate.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura }
30th July 1836 }

To the Civil Auditor

Fort St. George

Sir

On the Communication from the Secretary to the College, and previous to the receipt this morning of Your letter of the 28th Ultimo, I had paid and dismissed the three Tahsildary teachers up to the 31st June, and had also paid each one Month's gratuity. If You think the gratuity ought to be recovered from them, I shall be prepared to attempt to follow Your instructions.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura }
1st August 1836 }

To the Acting Judge

of Madura

Sir

The 3 Stamp papers forwarded with others, for Authenticated Copies of documents, required for the Defendant, in O. S. No. 151 of 1834, pending before the Acting Register, not being sufficient, I have the honor to request You will furnish me with one other.

(Signed) J Blackburne
Prin^l. Coll^r.

Madura }
1st August 1836 }